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VOLUME XXIII.

No. 1

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

This comes by the Princess Mary Captain George Martin on whom we send you a supply of Packing Stuff as ₰ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed.

We send you herewith Copy of this ship's Charterparty to be returned hither after her Dispatch; On comparing it with the inclosed Calculate of her Bengall Tonnage you will find there remains one hundred and four 104 Tons to be supplied in Bales at your Place; and if after her Charterparty Tonnage is compleated there is room in her hold & the Captain should request more Bales at half Freight you may let him have them taking his Agreement for the freight of them in Writing to be inclosed in Your Packet to England.

When She is loaded you must take Care to send proper persons on board to see that her Compliment of Men, Guns & other Warlike Stores are agreeable to Charterparty, and the Lists thereof signed by such Persons must go in your Packet.

You must also Demand of the Captain an Attested Account upon Oath of the particulars & Value of all the Goods shipped on board as his homeward bound adventure, and transmit the same to England, You are also to see that it is conformable to the Company's Indulgence to their Commanders, a printed Copy of which we here inclose for your present & future Guide.

When you begin to send Bales on board you must give the Captain a Caution against Fire and keeping the Boats long on board with Bales in them; A Copy of such Caution we send inclosed for your direction.

Our Honourable Masters have been pleased to permit their Commanders to pay into their Cash all, or any part of the Produce of their Outward bound adventure, and to direct that certificates be granted them for the Amount, on their severally making Oath that the Money so paid in is part of their Priviledge and the Profits thereon & that they neither have taken up nor will take up other Money in India to trade with in the room of it: should Captain Martin therefore offer to pay any Money into Your Cash on Such Account you will observe the foregoing directions: Inclosed is the Form of the Certificates we grant here. We are

Fort St. George — Worshipll. Sir & Sirs

8th. January 1738 [39]. — Your affectionate Friends & Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 2

To Captain George Martin
Commander of the Princess Mary.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort S^{t}. David; on Your arrival there you are to deliver our Letter to the Deputy Govr. & Council, and the stores we have put on board Your ship for that place, and must follow such orders as you shall receive from them for the Loading of Your Ship or any other matters, till you receive our Orders for proceeding to Europe: We wish you well down & Date this in Fort S^{t}. George this Eighth day of January 1738 [39].

Rich^{D}. Benyon.
Ran^{LL}. Fowke.
Aug^{s}. Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 3

To the Honourable Jacob Mossel Esq^{R}.
Govern^{R}. &c^{T}. Council of Negapatam.

Ho$\tilde{n}$ble Sir & Sirs

We had the Honour to receive the Letter you wrote us of the 7/18 of January relating to the News you had receiv'd from the Mallabar Coast of advices being Arrived at Bombay from Aleppo, that a War was near being declared between the Emperor, the Kings, of England & Portugal and the States of Holland on One side, and the Kings, of France & Spain on the other side, In answer to which we are to tell you that our Letters from Tellicherry Advise us, they had no better authority for this News than the Report of an Officer who had deserted from Bombay and taken protection under the French at Mahee. Our Letters from Tellicherry add that they had receiv'd no such Advices from Bombay though One of our Company's Ships and two Galleys were Arrived directly from thence, and this Morning we receiv'd Letters from Surat dated the 11th. December, and they also are silent about any such News. Your Honour &c^{t}. are best able to judge what Weight ought to be put upon the Letters from the Capuchin Fathers at Ispahaune, but for the advices which it is said were brought to Bombay from Aleppo, we have already told you how it came to Tellicherry, and therefore we suspend our beleif till we have it otherwise confirmed. If we receive any further advices we shall take the Liberty to communicate them to You, and we desire you will favour us with any which you receive. We have a ship now here that will sail in few days for Bengall, by which we shall forward the Packet you sent Us directed Mi$\tilde{n}$h. Sichterman. We are

Fort S^{T}. George
17TH. Jan^{RY}. 1738 [39] O.S.

Ho$\tilde{n}$ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble & Obedient Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 4

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

I am ordered by the President & Council to advise that Twenty thousand 20,000 Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow Morning under charge of thirty Peons. I am

Fort S^t. George — Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

19th. Jan^ry. 1738 [39]. — Your most humble servants [*sic*]

John Savage
Sec^ry.

No. 5

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll Sir & Sirs

This Accompanys the twenty thousand 20,000 Pagodas of which you were advised Yesterday by our order. We are

Fort S^t. George — Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

20th. Jan^ry. 1738 [39]. — Your affectionate Friends & Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 6

To the Honourable John Stackhouse Esqr.
Presid^t. & Govr. &c^t. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This incloses you Invoice and Bill of Lading for Ten Chests of silver laden on the Wakefield Henry Cleave Master. By the Mercury we shall send you Ten Chests more, and about Four hundred Candys of Tutanaigue, which the Owners have agreed to carry Freight Free, but as the ship will not go far up the River you will please to order Boats down ready to take it out. The 29th. December we receiv'd Your favour of the 10th. by the Princess Mary to which we shall Reply some other Opportunity, that ship is now Loading for England at Fort S^t. David as the Godolphin is here & both ships will leave the Coast before the last of the Month.

The 21st. November we receiv'd from Anjengo Two Packets for Your Honour &c^t. which were brought to Bombay by the Nassau and Onslow, We also send another Packet directed only to the Honourable John Stackhouse Esqr. but We beleive the Bombay Secretary omitted to direct it also to the Council, it being seald with the Publick seal, and we observed the same mistake in the Letter to this Place: That Letter with the Packet by the Nassau are inclosed in this Packet, and We send you Captain Cleave's Receipt for the Box containing the Packet by the Onslow. We also send you inclosed a Packet we receiv'd from the Governour and Council of Negapatam which we desire you will forward as Directed to Minh. Sichterman at Hughtly [*sic*] We beleive it contains some Advices they receiv'd relating to a War in

Europe, of which that Your Honour &c^{t}. may form a better judgement we send inclosed Copy of the Letter to Us from Negapatam, with our answer to which we must Add that last Night we receiv'd Letters from Surat Dated the 15th. December which mention no such thing thô a ship Arrived directly from Bussora but two days before. We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

20TH. JAN^{RY}. 1738 [39]

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

LIST OF THE FORT S^{T}. GEORGE PACKET TO BENGALL ℘ WAKEFIELD.

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FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
20TH. JAN^{RY}. 1738 [39].

JOHN SAVAGE
Sec^{ry}.

No. 7

TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN STACKHOUSE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

We wrote you the 20th. by the Wakefield Duplicate of which comes Inclosed. Yesterday we were favour'd with Yours of the 25th. Decem^{r}. and We shall regard what you write us, to Coin no more than one third of the Treasure which Our Honourable Masters may design for the Use of your settlement this Year; Of the Silver we had remaining, only Twenty three Chests were Dollars, the rest was Barr silver and for that reason Coin'd here. The Wakefield & Mercury will bring you each Ten Chests of Dollars; Three more we now send by the Devonshire with Nine Chests containing seventy two thousand Madrass Rupees as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed; We have about Eighty thousand Rupees more in the Warehouse which we shall send you upon the next good Conveyance. We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
22^{D}. JAN^{RY}. 1738 [39.]

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants
RICHARD BENYON &C^{T}.
COUNCIL.

No. 8

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

We this morning receiv'd yours of the 18th. Instant with the Books & papers it accompanied, but you have sent up your annual Letter so late and all our hands here are so fully employ'd that it cannot be copied here and must be sent in your Packet to England with the Papers ther[e]in referred to. We are

Fort S^t. George
22^D. Jan^ry. 1738 [39].

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 9

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

It is some Days since we receiv'd Yours of the 11th. Inst^t. advising the Princess Mary was Arrived with you, and that you hoped to have ready by the 25th. of this Month a sufficient number of Bales to compleat her Tonnage. We therefore now send you our Packet designed for England by that ship, and her loading being compleated you are to deliver it to Captain Martin togeather with his Dispatch wherein you will observe room is left for the Deputy Governour to sign and the Date to be filled when deliver'd. If the ship has room to take in more than her Tonnage and you have the Goods ready you may send them on board, upon the Conditions mentioned in a former Letter, but as the season is so far advanced we would not have her detain'd till you can Cure more Cloth or indeed any time longer than is necessary to stow the Bales away.

You must remember to inclose in your Packet to our Hon̄ble Masters a List of the Packing Stuff in your Bales. We are

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

Fort S^t. George
24th. Jan^ry. 1738 [39].

Your affectionate Friends & Servants
Richard Benyon &c^t.

No. 10

To the Honourable John Stackhouse Esqr.
Presid^t. & Govr. &c^t. Council of Fort William.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to what we wrote Your Hon^r. &c^t. by the Wakefield & Devonshire under the 20th. & 22^d. Instant we here inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading For the Treasure & Tutanague now sent you on the Mercury. Inclosed is also second Bill of Lading for what went on the Devonshire and Duplicate of our Letter by that ship.

The Narcissus will leave us in a few days & bring you the remainder of the Tutenague & Rupees. We are

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

Your most humble servants

Fort S^T^. George
26TH. Jan~RY~. 1738[39].

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 11

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq^R^.
Presid^T^. & Gov^R^. &c^T^. Council of Fort S^T^. David.

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs

I am ordered by the President & Council to acknowledge their having receivd Yours of the 29th. Ultimo & to acquaint You that they permit M^r^. Harris to come up hither agreable to his request. I am

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs

Fort S^T^. George
1ST. Feb^RY^. 1738[39].

Your most humble servant
John Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 12

To the Honourable Thomas Braddyll Esq^R^.
President & Gov^R^. &c^T^. Council of Fort William.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs.

Herewith is Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Mercury, and inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for the remainder of the Hon~ble~ Company's Tutanaigue and Ten Chests containing Eighty Thousand Madrass Rupees Laden on the Narcissus, James Maull Master.

Our Hon~ble~ Masters ship the Princess Mary sail'd from Fort S^t^. David the 27th. of last month as the Godolphin did from this Place the 28th. as your Honour &c^t^. sent no Saltpetre to Bombay, we hope you have been able to send us sufficient by the sloops to Kintlage our next September ship. We would not press your Hon^r^. &c^t^. too much for this article, but if your stock in hand would admitt of it, It would be more ready if you could at the same time send us also sufficient to Kintlage the ship we may expect this season for the China Voyage.

We congratulate the Hon~ble~ Thomas Braddyll Esqr. on his accession to the Government of Calcutta, as we compute the late President has by this time resigned it, and Wishing you all immaginable success in our Hon~ble~ Masters affairs We are

Fort S^T^. George
2°. Feb^RY^. 1738 [39]

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 13

To the Worshipfull Robert Lennox Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t^. Council of Fort Marlbrô.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Our last was by the Galatea under date of the 7th. October Copy of which comes inclosed, and having since the Departure of that ship had more leasure to peruse Your Books & papers by the George we shall hereunder Add such further remarks as appear necessary to be made thereon.

First, concerning Shipping.

We now send the George to you and have given the Master of her Charge of the Hawk a small sloop of about thirteen Tons, built at Pegue to Assist in the service of your Coast: the Account of her Cost and the stores supplied her with, you will find in the Packet; the other larger sloop is not yet finished, but we expect her by the End of April, and We propose to Dispatch her to you in company with the new ship some time in Septem^r^., do you return us the George as soon as she is unloaded, that she may be here in June and employ'd on our Coast or to Bengall as Occasion may serve, her late Arrival the last Year made even her passage to Vizagapatam dubious, the Master has therefore our strict Injunctions to make the best of his Way to Your Port, and to touch no where except by Necessity.

The Scarborough we are informed by a Letter from Captain Westcott to our President was near Achin the 4th. of December and his Men sickly, we fear therefore she will be a late Ship home notwithstanding the preparations you have made to give that ship a Quick Dispatch on her Arrival with you. We observe you intended to send away the Queen Caroline the beginning of October which we beleive our Honourable Masters will approve of, for the reasons you have given, and as they were disappointed of the Lyell last year.

We shall be pleased to find a due performance of your promise in the 5th. paragraph of your Letter of hiring no more Boats but such as are absolutely necessary to bring the Pepper over the Bars, or from such places where it may be impracticable to employ the Company's Vessels: You must remember they are a standing Charge and therefore if they are not earning something on their Accounts will not give Our Honble Masters the Satisfaction they may expect.

Secondly, Goods from Europe or Fort S^t^. George.

Concerning the Deficiency & Surpluss of stores mention'd in your Consultations of the 30th. June and 10th. July We say that had the directions sent you in our former Letters been duly put in Practice by the several persons acting in that employ, there would have been no Occasion for a referrence to us of the Case, nor indeed did we expect it after having laid down Rules so plain for your Guidance. We find the deficiencies Amount to \$ 955.—.66 the Overplusses to \$ 253. 1. 6 besides which there are several Articles in M^r^. Rigg's report to the Value of \$ 925.—.53 to be brought to the Credit of the account so that in Reality there is an Overplus, which irregular Accounts you Acquaint us have arisen from the Deaths and frequent removals of Persons in the Employ the delivery by wrong Names and the not making the usual Allowance for Waste, Rust and other Decay of stores and we are willing to beleive as you have represented it, and do therefore for this once allow M^r^. Riggs statement and that he be not chargeable for them, but require you to be very observant in future of our orders for the regular taking and signing the Account remains on the Death or Change of any Person in their Employs.

And as to the Deficiency of stores at Moco Moco under M^r^. Savage's Care, referred also to us, when that is better explain'd and he has due credit for what have been found there since his coming away, we shall give you our opinion and directions thereupon.

By this ship We send you such part of your Indent for Wares and Stores as was not comply'd with by the Scarbrough.

The Silver and other Things mention'd in the Invoice ℔ George came out right.

THIRDLY, INVESTMENTS, FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

It's with great pleasure we observe the Crop is like to be plentifull and the Investment larger than the preceding Year. You did right in Appointing an European Surveyor of the Southern Plantations which part of the Country seems to require One; and we think it high time to call the planters of Koonkoy to an Account for their remissness and Neglect of their Gardens. We hope the reconciliation you have wrought between the Two Pangarans and their going Personally into the Country of Soongey Etam to encourage the planting of Pepper in that part and that not succeeding Coffee will have a good Effect.

If Seedee Ibrahim performs his promise of setting the People of the Eight Dussans to work in making Pepper plantations and not to conceal and Harbour the Company's and other slaves that run away, we beleive Our Honourable Masters will not disapprove of the Allowing him Ten Dollars ℔ Month, but We think no confidence ought to be put in him, as he is a Man notorious for villany and Treacherry and was the Chief promoter of the Troubles in 1719.

Since the Planters in Anacksoongey were uneasy from a Suspicion of the Old Turetoolis's wronging them in the Weight of their Pepper, we approve of your removing him and appointing another, as it is highly necessary those People should have all the satisfaction they require in that point, and be perfectly assurd that justice is done them, and you must do all in your Power to prevent any Impositions of such or the like nature whenever they are Attempted.

At those places where the pepper is taken by Measure you must enjoyn those who receive it to be particularly carefull the Planters do not mix the light or that which has been gather'd too soon, as the Company must be sufferers when it is garbled & Weigh'd off, when this was introduced, the Malays deliverd that which was Weighty and full grown, and on the Tryal then made the Company were Gainers by the Agreement, but if they fail in that you must not suffer it or any other Innovations to the Company's prejudice.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

We observe you have fix'd on a spot to Erect the Fortification and Buildings at Moco Moco according to the Plan sent you, and we wish we could supply you with a number of usefull hands to carry on the Work, which you represent you are in great want of, but we cannot perswade any of our Artificers to go over; However in order to forward the Buildings as much as possible we now send you in the room of those destroy'd by Fire the same Number of Doors and Window Frames, and as we are upon this subject we think proper to give you a Caution not to permit such large Advances to Malay Men such as the Resident of Moco Moco made Bugginda Rajah for providing of Bricks & Chinam, we think a lesser sum than 500 Dollars might have Answer'd the purpose, and it is certainly neither safe or proper to make such Advances where there is so little security for the performance.

It appears to us a House and some Fence to secure the Company's Effects is very necessary to be immediately set about at Manna, which part of the Country we find produces now a large Quantity of Pepper, and as it happens the Bar is often unpassable that the Pepper lays there for several Months, On any sudden troubles the Company's Goods are liable to be plundered and destroy'd, the Distance from Fort Marlborough being too considerable to admit of an immediate Assistance on any such occasion and we would have you therefore lose no time in finishing what shall be judged proper for the purpose.

We acquainted our Honourable Masters last year of your want of a Number of Good Slaves to carry on your business, and it's probable you will receive a supply by the next expected shipping, If the Gentlemen of Bombay send us any for your Place we shall forward them by the first Opportunity but we beleive they will be but few if any.

We approve of the Method you have taken to secure the Company's Godowns from Fire by removing the small adjoining Houses and Tiling the Roof, as we do of the Gratuity given the Arabs for their good behaviour when the Accident happened to the Buildings; and your purchasing the two Leases where the Ground was commidious [*sic*] for the Timber Shed. It was also right to buy at Outcry the spot of Ground called Hungerford to prevent any further disputes with M^r^. Jedderee's Heirs especially as it could be done on so easy Terms as 25 Dollars.

SIXTHLY, COMPANY'S SERVANTS, MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

We are concerned at the Death of so many of the Company's servants and in particular for the murthers committed as mention'd in your Letter, In the case of Bangseradin we doubt not but you will take such measures as are consistent with prudence and Justice.

As you do not suspect any embezelment to have been made at Moco Moco of the stores during M^r^. Gee's Residentship but that they were really Expended & Used for the Company thô not duly brought to account we permit you to Write them off to Profit and Loss.

If all the Demands on M^r^. Benjamin Hawke's Estate are paid we would have you write off the Ballance to Account Current Fort S^t^. George, You must also have the Original Will proved with you and send an attested Copy of that and the Probat over to Us.

M^r^. Crawford has been paid here the amount of his Bill for Sundrys sent M^r^. John Innis on the George, you must dispose of his Bengall and other Goods for the most they will fetch with you for we cannot answer the Risquing any part of his Estate at Sea.

We cannot at this time send you any Military having so few Europeans on our Rolls both here and at Fort S^t^. David, and those we may expect this year from Europe will not be more than sufficient for the service of this Coast.

We now return you Five slaves who were sent Us some Years ago, and have been Employ'd under our Carpenters, Bricklayers and Smiths, also twelve Transports, you need Credit Us only for the Charge of the Passage of the Latter, but let their names be enter'd on the Paymaster's List and Work with the Company's slaves.

The Wife and Children of Lieutenant Horne being by the death of his Attorney left destitute of any provision for their subsistance we have thought fit to allow them eight Pagodas ₱ Month from the first of this Month to reimburse which you must stop twelve Dollars ₱ Month out of his pay.

Inclosed is a Packet from the Secret Committee to the Deputy Governour and was intended you by the Lyell but that ship's voyage being altered the President & Council of Fort William sent it hither by the Anne in April last. We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE WORSH^LL^. SIR & SIRS

10TH. FEBRUARY 1738[39]. Your affectionate Friends & Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.
CHARLES SIMPSON.

P.S.—In the Packet by this Ship come the adjustments between Your Books and Ours. It is a great trouble to us to carry so many forward from one pair of Books to another, and therefore you must put an End to it by making the proper Entrys in your Books that they may agree with ours.

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENC'D BY THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON THE GEORGE CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR FOR FORT MARLBRÔ BY & FOR ACCOUNT OF THE UNDERMENTION'D PERSONS VIZT.

BY MR. HALLYBURTON FOR CAPTAIN WILLIAMS.

Ba^s. 4, Bund^s. 1		Slops	—	—	252	24	—			
		Cambays	1	—	28	10	—			
		Syrashes	1	—	23	4	—			
		Ginghams	2	10	36	27	—			
		Chints	—	9	24	—	—			
		Handkerchiefs	1	—	28	—	—			
Bales	3	Long Cloth Ordinary	5	—	192	18	—			
	2	Salampores Ordinary	8	—	120	—	—			
	10	Bales & Bundles						705	11	—

BY DITTO, FOR CAPTAIN HORNE.

Ba^s. 4, Box's 1		Slops	—	—	149	23	—			
		Cambays	8	15	132	—	—			
		Handkerchiefs	1	—	27	—	—			
		Ginghams Blue	1	—	14	—	—			
		Romals	—	6	5	—	—			
	5	Bales & Boxes						327	23	—

BY MESSRS. HAMMOND & SALOMONS FOR CAPT. WILLIAMS.

1	Long Cloth Blue	4	—	93	—	—			
2	Long Cloth Fine Blue	8	—	232	—	—			
2	Salampores Blue	8	—	178	—	—			
1	Slops	—	—	46	13	—			
6	Bales						549	13	—

N.B.—The above six Bales were included in the Manifest by the George Dated 18th. February 1737 and are not now to be charged the 4 ℘ Cent if before paid.

BY MR. SAUNDERS FOR MR. HURLOK.

1	Tappeys small	—	22	..			44	—	—

BY MR. MORSE FOR ROBERT LENNOX ESQR.

1	Syrashes of sorts	15	19	140	—	—			
	Pallampores	1	18	55	—	—			
	Cambays	7	—	35	—	—			
1	Jungall Cossaes	1	10	55	—	—			
1	Cambays	4	12	100	—	—			
4	Long Cloth Blue	12	—	285	—	—			
3	Sallampores Blue	12	—	255	—	—			
10	Long Cloth Ordinary White ..	15	—	450	—	—			
20	Bales						1375	—	—

BY DITTO FOR MR. RIGG.

1	Cambays	2	—	45	—	—			
	Moorees Blue	2	—	45	—	—			
	Do. White	1	—	28	—	—			
	Handkerchiefs	6	—	62	—	—			
1	Long Cloth Blue	3	—	72	—	—			
2	Sallampores Do.	8	—	130	—	—			
4	Bales						382	—	—

BY DITTO FOR MR. COLES.

1	Cambays & Handkerchiefs ..	8	—	120	—	—			
2	Long Cloth Blue	6	—	140	—	—			
2	Sallampores Blue	8	—	130	—	—			
3	Long Cloth, White	4	10	140	—	—			
3	Sallampores Do.	12	—	150	—	—			
11	Bales						680	—	—

By Mr. Morse for Mr. Haag.

1	Moores Blues	4	—	90	—	—			
	Do. White	1	—	30	—	—			
	Handkerchiefs	5	—	75	—	—			
	Cambays	2	—	40	—	—			
1	Sallampores Blue	4	—	60	—	—			
2	Bales.						295	—	—

By Ditto for Mr. Pugh.

1	Handkerchiefs	2	—	22	—	—			
	Cambays	1	—	22	—	—			
	Moorees	—	10	14	—	—			
	Chints	—	10	14	—	—			
1	Bale						72	—	—

By Capt. Taylor for himself and Officers.

1	Long Cloth Middling Blue	3	—	66	—	—			
1	Do.	3	—	69	—	—			
1	Do.	3	—	75	—	—			
1	Do.	3	—	72	—	—			
1	Sallampores Middling Blue	4	—	80	—	—			
1	Do.	4	—	76	—	—			
2	Sallampores Ordinary Blue	8	—	132	—	—			
3	Long Cloth White	4	—	124	—	—			
4	Sallampores White	16	—	160	—	—			
2	Long Cloth White	3	—	90	—	—			
1	Sallampores	16	—	160	—	—			
1	Cambays	3	—	45	—	—			
2	Long Cloth Blue	6	—	140	—	—			
1	Do. White	1	10	45	—	—			
2	Sallampores Blue	8	—	120	—	—			
2	Do. White	8	—	100	—	—			
1	Handkerchiefs	4	—	45	—	—			
27	Bales						1599	—	—
87	Bales, Boxes & Bundles, amounting to					Pagodas	6020	11	—

Fort St. George, 10 February 1738[39].

John Savage
Secry.

List of the Packet ℘ George.

No. 1. Fort St. George General Letter dated 10th. February 1738.
2. Duplicate Do. dated 7th. October 1738.
3. Invoice of Wares and Stores ℘ George.
4. First Bills of Lading for Wares & Stores ℘ George.
5. Manifest of Goods licenced ℘ George.
6. List of Five Coffrees returned to Fort Marlborough ℘ George.
7. List of Twelve Transports ℘ George.
8. Packet from the Secret Committee receiv'd from Bengall ℘ Ann 22d. April 1738.
9. List of adjustments.
List of the Packet.

N.B.—The account of the Cost of the Sloop mentioned in the Second paragraph cannot be adjusted now & will be sent you by next Conveyance.

Fort St. George 10th. Febry. 1738[39].

John Savage
Secry.

No. 14

To Captain John Taylor
of the George.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbrough on the West Coast of Sumatra where you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council whose Orders are to direct your future proceedings.

We send them also under your Care the sloop Hawk which you must take the properest Measures to convey safely thither.

We hereby strictly enjoin you not to lose any time either going or coming by touching at any other than Your consigned Port except by absolute necessity.

On your return to this Coast you must call in at Fort St. David to bring hither what Bales the Deputy Govr. & Council may have ready there.

Dated in Fort St. George this 10th. Day of Febry. 1738[39].

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.
Charles Simpson.

No. 15

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Since our last of the 28 October we have receiv'd your severals of the 12th. October 5th. & 24th. November 11th. 23th. & 26th. December and 9th. January.

By the Brigantine Jenny that brings this We have laden the Wares and Stores you Indented for, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed.

And Mr. Sanderson having desired to stay here we have appointed Mr. Charles Simpson Chief of Vizagapatam who also takes his Passage on the Jenny Brigantine, and We have sent by him Twenty Thousand New Madrass Pagodas and 6668. –. –. Madrass Rupees, Invoice and Bill of Lading for which are also Inclosed.

As Mr. Simpson resided many Years at Vizagapatam and is perfectly well acquainted with the Country about it we hope he will be able to contrive some means for making an Investment there, whereby that Settlement may no longer remain a dead charge upon the Company's Estate.

With regard to the sorts of Cloth and the Prices we referr you to our Letter of the 31st. March to which we have only to add that it is a Complaint from Home repeated more than once, that the Vizagapatam cloths do not hold out the Invoice Lengths.

As fine cloths are in demand at the Europe Markets, it would be an acceptable service to our Honble Masters if you can get your Weavers to make any in your Parts that is of a round hard twisted Thread, for a Tryal we would have you Provide this Year One Thousand Pieces of about Sixty five Pagodas the Corge but send it Us Brown that it may be cured here.

We very earnestly recommend to you that you give all the Encouragement in Your power to the Trade of your Place, and that you allow all Persons without distinction a full Liberty in that Respect agreable to the priviledges granted them by our Honourable Masters, a Freedom in that and a due administration of Justice seldom fail of drawing a great Resort of Merchants to a Place where there are not otherwise some natural

Impediments and we are willing to flatter ourselves the Situation of Vizagapatam is such as will admitt of considerable Improvements if those at the Head of Affairs there would heartily endeavour it; It's a mistaken and a narrow way of thinking to imagine that what we see another get is gotten from ourselves, Few Great Fortunes are obtain'd but in Places of considerable Trade, and therefore it is your own Interest to encourage that as much as possible, and we know no method more Easy and Effectual than what we have already mentioned, which We press more earnestly to you in hopes that some Men of Fortune may be enduced to settle in Vizagapatam who may be willing to Enter into Contracts with you for the Company's Goods, as We fear the smallness of the Investment there has in a great Measure proceeded from a diffidence and distrust of the Merchants if any of the Inhabitants may be called so that reside there at present.

Having been represented to us that there is a House at Your Place standing to the Westward of the Fort which would be very convenient and necessary for receiving the strangers that belong to the shipping, as well as the Moors and People that come out of the Country, which it is not so safe to do in the Fort, and that the same may be purchased for Fifteen hundred Rupees, we permit you to buy it at that Price. We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
13TH. FEBRUARY 1738/9.

Your affectionate Friends
RICHARD BENYON &C^T^.

P.S.

Inclosed is a List of adjustments to be made in Your Books.

N°. 16

TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. &C^T^. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

The 21st. November we receiv'd Your favour of the 10th. September accompanying the Packets from England for this Place & the Bay.

We were very glad to read you had a Prospect of so good a Crop of Grain that the Landing the Rice here designed you by the Lyell would be no disappointment to you, and as for the Saltpetre and Rawsilk we doubt not the Gentlemen in Bengall took care to supply you from thence as it might be with you as soon as if we had sent you the Lyell's from hence.

Our Honourable Masters ship the Godolphin arrived from Canton the 22^d^. December and as We understand the Prince of Wales had procured a good quantity of Pepper at Benjar We are Willing to flatter ourselves the Marlborough would meet with the like success there in which case it is not likely that ship will come upon your coast.

The Princess Mary sail'd from Fort S^t^. David the 27th. January and the Godolphin from this place the 29th. We have only to add our Wishes for your success in our Honble Masters affairs and are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
16TH. FEB^RY^. 1738[39].

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 17

To William Wake Esqr.
Chief &c^r. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

The 21 November we receiv'd your favour of the 21st. October and are obliged to you for your care of the Packets directed to this Place and Calcutta as well as for the other advices Relating to our Honourable Masters ships.

We doubt not you have been long since advised the Packets you sent us the 16th. May and 4th. June last directed for the Governour and Council of Bombay arrived there in good time. We have only to add, that We are

Fort St. George
16 Febry. 1738 [39].

Gentlemen
Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 18

To Messrs. Van Lawick
Chief &cr. Council at Pulliacat.

Messrs.

We receiv'd by your Peons the Letter you wrote Us of the 6th. March N.S. relating to John Roos Van Lint soldier who has deserted from Your Garrison. We have caused diligent Search to be made after him in this Place, but as We can hear nothing of him We now return your Peons, and are

Sirs
Your most humble servants

Fort St. George
28th. Febry. 1738-9 O.S.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 19

To Mr. Joseph Goddard
Resid^t. at Maddepollam.

Sir

This by order of the President and Council covers Invoice and Bill of Lading for Packing Stuff sent you on the Experience, which sloop saild before the Invoice was drawn out. I am

Sir
Your Humble Servant
John Savage
Secry.

Fort St. George
2d. March 1738-9.

No. 20

To Mr. John Andrews.

Sir

This incloses you Invoice and Bill of Lading for Wares and Stores laden on this Brigantine for the Company's account ; Mr. Graham's Health not permitting his return at present to Ingeram, We have ordered Mr. Richard Prince thither to take Charge of the Company's Affairs there, and when he arrives with you from Vizagapatam you must deliver him the Cash and an account of all other things relating to the Company's Business. We are

Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort St. George
2D. March 1738-9.

No. 21

To Charles Simpson EsqR.
Chief &cT. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We wrote you the 13th. February and this comes by Mr. Graham's Brigantine bound to Ingeram and is only to advise you that Mr. Graham's health not permitting his return thither at present, We have thought proper to order Mr. Richard Prince should go there to take Charge of the Company's affairs, and therefore he must proceed thither as soon as conveniently he can. We are

Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort St. George
2D. March 1738-9.

No. 22

To Mr. Richard Prince.

Sir

Mr. Graham's Health not permitting his return at present to Ingeram, We have thought fitt to order you thither to take charge of the Honourable Company's affairs there and to carry on the Investment according to the Directions sent Mr. Graham, which Mr. Andrews will deliver you together with the Cash and what else was left under his Care by Mr. Graham belonging to the Company. We are

Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort St. George
2D. March 1738-9.

No. 23

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir and Sirs

This by order of the President & Council covers Invoice and Bill of Lading for Saltpetre sent you on the Mary Brigantine. I am

Worsh^{ll}. Sir and Sirs

Your most humble servant
John Savage
Sec^{ry}.

Fort S^{t}. George
8th. March 1738-9.

No. 24

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir and Sirs

We have received yours of the 5th. Instant inclosing Your Pay Master's Report of the dangerous Condition of the Roof of Your Main Guard Gate and an Estimate of the Cost of the Repairs, which with the additional Building you represent as so necessary to it's future security being Calculated at Pag^{s}. 187. 15. 71 we permitt you to set about, depending on your care that the Work be substantially performed and with frugality. We are

Worsh^{ll}. Sir and Sirs

Your affectionate Friends & Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton
Nicolas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort S^{t}. George
20th. March 1738-9.

No. 25

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

The sloop Callcutta arrived the 1st. Instant and Yesterday the Sloop William, We shall return them to You in few days and then reply to y^{r}. several favours received since our last. The present being only to inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for Rupees laden on the Sarah Gally for account our Honble Masters, which We wish safe to you and are

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon
&c^{t}.

Fort S^{t}. George
6th. April 1739.

No. 26

TO THE WORSHLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS

We have received Your two Letters of the 4th. April, One accompanying One hundred fifty one Bales of Cloth by the Brig. Mary ; the other inclosing Your Cash account & accounts of Expences.

We have read with attention what you write about the representation made you by your Merchants relating to the Losses they have sustain'd by bad Debts in the Country and which they give as a reason why they cannot pretend to go on in bringing in Cloth without a larger premium ; You add the lowest they would be satisfied with, was a Brokerage of one pagoda ℔ Corge for their trouble and risque, and having considered their reasons for the same, the truth of which we take it for granted you are satisfied in, We have agreed for the present to consent to the said allowance of one Pagoda ℔ Corge for their Brokerage, depending that due care will be taken nothing more is charged upon the Cloth than what it realy Costs. We shall supply you with the stores you have indented for by the return of the Mary Brigantine & are

FORT ST. GEORGE
14TH. APRIL 1739.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS
Yr. affectionate Friends & Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
[*Lacuna*].
NIHCOLAS MORSE
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 27

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Since our Letter of the 2d. February We have been favoured with Your severals of the 7th. January with the seven Bales of Sanoes by the Pegue Merchant, 27th. February by the sloop Calcutta, 6th. March by the William sloop, and by the Narcissus two others of the 6th. and one of the 7th. March.

We wrote Your Honour &ct. a short Letter by the Sarah Gally to accompany six Chests containing Forty Eight thousand Rupees, and this comes by the sloop Calcutta on which we have Laden Rupees, Bullion, Broad Cloth and Redwood, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of lading inclosed amounting to Pagodas 40498. 8. 25. By the William sloop We shall send You a further supply of silver and Redwood, but we must order her into Vizagapatam to land some Money there for the Use of our Northern Settlements.

Your Honour &ct. have very justly remark'd in Your Letter of the 10th. December last, that the two sloops built for our Honoble Masters in Pegue are extravagantly dear. For your better satisfaction in the particulars of their Expence we send in this Packet Copies of the several accounts received from thence, to which we shall add, that when we received them last year we made the same remark then which you have done now, but without other Benifit to the Company than resolving to build no more for them in Pegue & whenever their affairs may require it in future to desire it may be done at Bombay, from whence we expect this Month a small ship for the service of the West Coast, and which we desired might be built at Bombay in January was twelve months upon receiving the accounts of the Cost of Your two sloops at Pegue when at the same time we were told that which was sent You from Bbay with her loading of Cotton included cost but Ten thousand Surat Rupees. We

wrote last Year to the Resident Complaining of the Expence and you have inclosed his answer ; We are indeed asssure[d] they are very strong Good Vessels, and the Timber and plank made use of exceeding Good being surveyed before and after it was cutt up, but there is another Reason why it will always be Dear Building small Vessels there, and that is they are incapable of bringing over any considerable Gruff Cargo without the profit on which the Expence would be intollerable in building ships of more considerable Burthens. We have lately received two sloops built at Pegue for the service of the West Coast, which came out in proportion as dear as those built for Yr. River, but we had given directions for them before We knew the Cost of Yours.

We have only to add that in February last We received from Pondicherry your favour of the 26th. Janry. inclosing Mr. Thomas Joshua Moore's Bill of Exchange on Mr. Nicholas Morse for seven thousand Current Rupees which is accepted and paid and for which we have given Credit to your account with Us. We are

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servants

Fort St. George
14th. April 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

P.S.
Inclos'd is also an account of stores suppli'd this sloop to the amount of Pagods. 67. 12. 40.

No. 28

To Captain Philip Parsons
Master of sloop Calcutta.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Your Vessel and Wind and Weather permitting to make the best of your way to Calcutta in Bengall where you are to deliver the Treasure &ct. now laden on board You and the accompanying Letter to the President & Council whose Orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 14th. day of April 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

List of Papers in the Packet ℔ Sloop Calcutta.

No. 1. Fort St. George General Letter dated 14th. April 1739.
2. Duplicate Do. dated 6th. April 1739.
3. Invoice sloop Callcutta amounting to Pagodas 40498. 8. 25.
4. Bill of Lading ℔ Ditto.
5. Second Bill of Lading ℔ Sarah Galley.
6. Pegue papers relating to the sloops built there for Bengall Vizt.
   No. 1. Letter from Mr. Smart at Syrian of 18 Decemr. 1737.
   2. Account Costs of Building sloop Fort St. George.
   3. Invoice of sundries laden on the sloop Fort St. [George].
   4. Account Costs of Building sloop Calcutta.
   5. Invoice of Sundries Laden on sloop Calcutta.

6. Account of Additional stores supplied both sloops.
7. Account of stores and Port Charges of both sloops.
8. Account of sloop Margery's Expences.
9. Account of sloop Margery's Port Charges.
10. Invoice of sundries laden on sloop Margery.
11. Account Current of the Cost of Sloops Calcutta and Fort S[t]. George & Charges of Sloop Margery.

7. { Extract of the Fort S[t]. George General Letter to M[r]. Smart complaining of the Expence of the two sloops dated 28th. January 1737—8.
Extract of a Letter from M[r]. Smart dated 15th. March 1737—8 in answer to the foregoing. }

8. Invoice of stores supplied sloop Calcutta amot[s]. to P[s]. 67. 12. 40.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
14TH. APRIL 1739.

JOHN SAVAGE
Sec[ry].

N°. 29

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQ[R].
CHIEF &C[T]. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last we have received Yours of the 10th. Ultimo to which we shall deferr a more particular answer till another opportunity.

We have ordered this Sloop William into Vizagapatam to put ashoar Ten thousand 10000 Madrass Pag[s]. as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed and shall send you a further supply on some of the Vessels that will leave this place in a few Days.

The Master of this sloop having our orders to make no longer stay at your place than to deliver the Money you must not detain him. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
17TH. APRIL 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 30

TO THE HON[BLE] THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C[T]. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON[BLE] SIR AND SIRS

Inclosed are Copies of our last under the 14th. Instant by the sloop Calcutta & of the several papers it covered to which we have only now to add Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Bullion and Redwood laden on this sloop William, which Your Honour

&c^t. will perceive by the accompanying Copy of our sailing orders is to call in at Vizagapatam to land some Treasure and then proceed directly for Bengall. We are

HO~BLE SIR AND SIRS

FORT S^r. GEORGE
17 APRIL 1739.

Your most humble servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.—The Invoice of this Sloop amounts to Pagodas	27598	33	50
The stores supplied her with to	75	33	45
Pag^s.	27674	31	15

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET ℘ SLOOP WILLIAM.

N°. 1. Fort S^t. George General Letter of the 17th. April 1739.
2. Duplicate D°. of the 14th. April 1739.
3. Invoice of Bullion & Redwood ℘ Sloop William amounting to Pagodas 27598. 33. 50.
4. Bill of Lading for D°.
5. Second Bill of Lading ℘ sloop Calcutta.
6. Invoice of stores supplied sloop William to the amount of Pagodas 75. 33. 45.
7. Copies of Pegue papers relating to the sloops built there for Bengall Viz^t.
    N°. 1. Letter from M^r. Smart at Syrian of the 18th. Decem^r. 1737.
    2. Account cost of building sloop Fort S^t. George.
    3. Invoice of sundries laden on Ditto.
    4. Account Costs of building sloop Calcutta.
    5. Invoice of sundries laden on D°.
    6. Account of stores supplied both sloops & their port Charges.
    7. Account of sloop Margery's Expences.
    8. Account of sloop Margery's Port Charges.
    9. Invoice of sundries laden on sloop Margery.
    10. Account Current of the Cost of sloops Fort S^t. George and Calcutta and charges on sloop Margery.
8. Duplicate Extracts of the Fort S^t. George General Letter to M^r. Smart, complaining of the Expence of the Two sloops and of his answer thereto.
9. Account of stores sent from hence to Pegue for sloops Fort S^t. George & Calcutta.
13. Copy of M^r. Woods sailing orders.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
17TH. APRIL 1739.

JOHN SAVAGE
Sec^ry.

No. 31

To Mr. Alexander Wood
Master of sloop William.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your Vessel, and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam, where you are to make no longer stay than to deliver the Treasure now laden on you and the accompanying Letter as directed to the Chief and Council there : you must then proceed to Bengall where you are to Deliver the other Packet you receive herewith to the President and Council of Fort William, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 17th. day of April 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 32

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir and Sirs

I am ordered by the President & Council to advise that twenty thousand 20000 pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow morning under Charge of thirty Peons. I am

Worshll. Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant

Fort St. George
23d. April 1739.

John Savage
Secry.

No. 33

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir and Sirs

This accompanys the twenty thousand 20000 Pagodas of which you were advised Yesterday by our order.

We are

Fort St. George
24th. April 1739.

Worshll. Sir and Sirs
Yr. affectionate Friends & Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson..

N°. 34

To Charles Simpson Esq^R^.

Chief &c^T^. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Our last was by the Sloop William to accompany Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas and now by the Sea Horse Robert Northleigh Master We send you Ten thousand more as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed.

We are much pleased with the Assurances you give us that you shall be able to provide at least Five hundred Bales by Christmas next, and hope no unforeseen accidents will happen to prevent it. As to the sorting, Prices and lengths and breadths, we rely upon Your promise to follow the directions sent you the 31st. March last Year.

In your letter of the 10th. Ultimo you tell us the Repairs of the House bought of M^r^. Sanderson will cost one hundred Pagodas, we hope that sum will [answer] what is necessary and we depend upon your care that nothing be expended but what is so. We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Fort S^T^. George
28TH. April 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

N°. 35

To M^R^. Joseph Goddard

Resident at Maddepollam.

Sir

The last we have from you is dated the ' ^th^. March advising that we are not to xpect Your Cloth to be sent us before July next. We hope you will take care we are not disappointed of it then which is all we shall say at present ince it is too late to point out to you wherein the Master of your Vesseljudged ill when he told you the 4th. March was too late in the season to attempt the Passage to this Place. You do not tell us the reason why the Pilots would not carry her over the Barr, but we hope they were not influenced by the Phousdar of Narsapore.

The stores you wrote for shall be sent you by the first Sea Conveyance that offers. We are

Fort S^T^. George

Sir

30TH. April 1739.

Your affectionate Friends

Richard Benyon
&c^T^.

No. 36

To the Worsh^ll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour of Fort S^t. David &c^t. Council.

Worsh^ll. Sir and Sirs

I am ordered by the President and Council to acknowledge their having received Yours of the 1st. Instant and to acquaint you that they permit M^r. Mitchell to come up hither agreable to his request. I am

Fort S^t. George
7th. May 1739.

Worsh^ll. Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant
John Savage
Secry.

No. 37

To M^r. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddepollam.

Sir

This serves to advise the receipt of your last of the 21st. April, and to accompany our Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram, which We would have You forward by peons directly. We are

Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort S^t. George
14th. May 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 38

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir and Sirs

This is only to advise you that when you have any quantity of cloth ready Embaled, We would have you let Us know it, that We may send our Honble Masters Ship Princess Augusta to bring it hither. We are

Worsh^ll. Sir and Sirs.
Y^r. affectionate Friends & Serv^ts.

Fort S^t. George
14th. May 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 39

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We would have you in answer to this advise Us what Quantity of Cloth you may reasonably expect will be brought in by Your Merchants, White and Brown together by the last of July, intending to send you by the 15th. our Honble Masters ship Princess Augusta to take it in, You must send Us an answer to this as soon as possible and dont forget to write Us again about the middle of June when you may possibly be at a greater certainty what quantity of Cloth you may have ready in a Month more. We are

Gentlemen

Yr. affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
14th. May 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 40

To Mr. Richard Prince
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Upon receipt hereof We would have You advise Us what quantity of Cloth White and Brown you have now by you, and how much more you may have ready by the 15th. July intending about that time to send our Honble Masters ship Princess Augusta to take in what Bales may be ready at your Place and Vizagapatam. But in regard we are told it is bad riding off the mouth of your River, we would have you advise us if you have any Vessels in Your River that are capable and will undertake to Carry Your Bales to Vizagapatam ; But if that cannot be done we are told the ship may be safe off Corango or Mallaram, that the Land Carriage will be but a trifle, and that the Cloth may with ease be shipped off from either of those Places. Inform Yourself as well as you can, which will be the best and safest Method and advise Us thereof as soon as You can. We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
14th. May 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 41

To the Honble Thoms. Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our last was the 17th. April by the sloop William, and our Honourable Masters ship Resolution calling in here in her way to Your place we have taken the opportunity to send You some Redwood by her as ℘ Invoice & Bill of lading Inclosed.

The Wakefield arrived here the 22d. April and by her we received Your favour of the 1st. March together with seven hundred Bags of Salt Petre agreable to the Invoice and Bill of Lading accompanying the same.

We return you thanks for the Copy of the Letter you received from Dilly relating to the progress of Jachmas Cooley Caune who We are since advised has imprisoned the Mogul and taken possession of his Capital. The ships from Surat tell us they had received advices there of a Great Massacre at Dilly. As yet no ship is arrived from England, and We begin to apprehend they will be late this Year. We are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Yr. most humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
19TH. MAY 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 42

TO THE WORSHIPFUIL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS

Pursuant to what we wrote you the 14th. Instant we now send you our Honble Masters ship Princess Augusta, to be returned to Us with what Cloth You may get together by the 1st. July. We are

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS

Yr. affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
24 MAY 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.—Inclosed is Invoice of stores sent you on the Mary Brig. to the amot. of ps. 127.27 . — .

No. 43

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE GORING
OF SHIP PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where you are to deliver the accompanyg. Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 24th. day of May 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 44

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Herewith is Duplicate of our last. The 22d. Instant we received yours of the 1st. and are concerned at what you write Us about the Nabob's orders. a Batta to be discounted on our Madrass Pagodas. We hope he will be convinced of the injustice of his pretence, but however for our satisfaction we would have you send us Five of those Pagodas which they say are of a lower Touch than what coined last Year.

Your Gun carriages ought to be kept in a better condition for service, and as to your Fortifications you who are upon the spot should have sent us a particular account of what repairs are necessary, and an Estimate of the Expence which may attend the same. The great Change at Dilly will doubtless occasion frequent marches of Different parties in all parts of the Empire and therefore you cannot be too much upon your Guard. We are

Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort St. George
27th. May 1739.

P.S.—Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for what Gunneys We send you on this vessel for a present supply.

No. 45

To the Worshll. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour of Fort St. David &ct. Council.

Worshll. Sir and Sirs

This serves by order of the President and Council to acknowledge their having received Yours of the 24th. Instant, and to Cover Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Broad Cloth sent you on the Augusta conformable thereto. I am

Worshll. Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant
John Savage
Secry.

Fort St. George
29th. May 1739.

No. 46

To the Gentlemen Supra Cargoes
of the English Company's Ships at Canton.

Gentlemen

Our Honourable Masters having acquainted us they should give you orders to provide Two thousand Peculs of Tea to be laden on the Duke of Lorrain for their account; We have thought proper to advise you that Ship is not yet arrived here. The Shaftsbury that is the only ship as yet arrived came in here the 28th. past, The Captain tells Us he left the Cape the 13th. March when the Duke of Lorrain had not been there; We wish her safe and that she may not be too late to proceed to China. We are

Gentlemen
Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon &ct.

Fort St. George
4th. June 1739.

No. 47

To Captain William Crompton
of the Duke of Lorrain.

Sir

This day at noon the Governour of Pulliacatt's Letter arrived here inclosing one from you to him by which We learn your arrival at that Port, as you tell him in that Letter that your People are ill and that till you have assistance from Madrass you cannot remove from where you are, We have dispatched this Sloop with sixty men twenty Casks of Water some Cows and Hogs and other provisions for you. We wish you a speedy Passage up and are

Sir

Your Friends and Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort S^t^. George
6th. June 1739.

No. 48

To M^r^. Cardigan Richard Dutton
Master of Sloop Carolina.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board & when you have received on board the Sixty men & provisions that will be sent off to you, make the best of Y^r^. way to Pulliacat, where you are to deliver to Captain William Crompton Commd^r^. of the Hoñble Company's ship Duke of Lorrain riding at anchor off that Place, the said Men & provisions, and the accompanying Letter, which service performed work up hither again as fast as you can. Dated in Fort S^t^. George this 6th. day of June 1739.

Signed by order of the President & Council.

J. Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 49

To Captain William Crompton
of the Duke of Lorrain.

Sir

The President and Council have ordered me to desire you will deliver to the Peons that bring this The Packet you have on board from England for this Presidency well buoyed. I am

Sir

Y^r^. very humble servant
Jno. Savage
Sec^ry^.

Fort S^t^. George
6 June 1739.

P.S.

Inclosed is Copy of another Letter of this date from the President & Council ℘ Sloop Carolina that will be with you soon after this.

J. Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 50

To Mr. Richard Prince
Residt. at Ingeram.

Sir

A Vessel being to sail this Evening for Ingeram we have only time to acknowledge the receipt of Yours of the 20th. May and in answer to the latter part wherein You desire our orders about the Honble Company's Effects should any disturbances happen in the Country We say that the 14th. past we advised you of our Intentions to send their Ship the Princess Augusta to take in what cloth you might have ready by the 15th. of next month, but if you should suspect any danger by keeping them till that time we hope you will be able to secure some good Boat or other Vessel in your River whereon to send them to Vizagapatam, and as that Place is so near you we take it for granted you will keep no more Money by you than is absolutely necessary. We are

Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort St. George
9th. June 1739.

No. 51

To the Honble Stephen Law Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our Honourable Masters ship Resolution that arrived here the 7th. May brought us your favour of the 10th. April.

At the same time arrived here the Princess Augusta, and as your Honour &ct. have recommended Captain Goring and his two Officers, we have continued them in her, We shall be glad to receive the account of her Cost, and shall give Your Presidency Credit for the amount of her Invoice of Cotton and the slaves received by the Resolution.

The 28th. past Arrived here our Honble Masters ship Shaftesbury from England and the Duke of Lorrain is now in the Offin. This last left England the 5th. November and fell in with Pullicat the 5th. Instant.

The ships taken up when the Shaftesbury left England were as follows.

The Harrington	490	Robert Jenkins	Bombay & Canton.
Duke of Lorrain	495	William Crompton	Madrass, Canton & Madrass.
Walpole	495	Charles Boddam,	Borneo & Canton.
Defence	485	Thomas Coates	Mocha.
Britannia	495	John Somner	St. Helena & Bencoolen.
Shaftesbury	495	Mattw. Bookey	Coast & Bay.
Richmond	460	William Weston	Coast & Bay.
Lynn	..	Charles Gilbert	Madeira & Coast & Bay.
Houghton	495	Philip Worth	China.
Augusta	495	Augs. Townsend	China.
Prince William	..	Thomas Langworth	Bombay.

Besides these it was resolved to send Two more ships to Coast and Bay, One to Bengall and Bencoolen and One to Bengall and Bombay.

The Lynn and Prince William were to be Dispatch'd before Christmas.

The Supra Cargoes to Mocha are Messrs. John Wallis, Thomas Thompson & Captain Thomas Coates who are order'd to Dispatch the Defence to Us in case they are not able to procure more than Three thousand Bales of Coffee within the Company's limited prices.

We congratulate the Honble Stephen Law Esqr. on his accession to the Government of Bombay, and wishing you success in our Honble Masters affairs we remain

HON^BLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble servants

RICHARD BENYON

&C^T.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
11TH. JUNE 1739.

No. 52

TO THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES
OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY'S SHIPS AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

The foregoing is Duplicate of what we wrote you the 4th. Instant, and we have now the pleasure to acquaint you, that the Duke of Lorrain happily arrived here the 11th. and we hope to be able to Dispatch her for China by the 11th. or 15th. of next month at furthest. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
16TH. JUNE 1739.

No. 53

TO THE WORSH^LL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^T. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. DAVID.

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS

I am order'd by the President & Council to advise that twenty thousand Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow morning under Charge of thirty peons. I am

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servants

JOHN SAVAGE

Sec^ry.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
18TH. JUNE 1739.

No. 54

To the Worsh^{ll}. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort S$_{t}$. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir and Sirs

This is to accompany the twenty thousand 20,000 Pagodas, of which you were advised Yesterday by our order. We are

Worsh^{ll}. Sir and Sirs

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^{t}. George
19th. June 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 55

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last by the Resolution. This serves to cover Invoice & Bill of Lading for Redwood Consigned Your Honour &c^{t}. by this ship the S^{t}. Joan on our Honble Masters account. Their ships the Shaftesbury arrived from England the 28th. of May, and the Duke of Lorrain the 11th. Instant, on the former that will leave this Place in few days, We shall send You as much more Redwood as she can take in. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort S^{t}. George
28 June 1739.

Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon &c^{t}.

No. 56

To the Honble Stephen Law Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{t}. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir and Sirs

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last and having few days since receiv'd the accompanying Packets from Tellicherry and Anjengo We now send them to the Chief and Council at Surat to forward them to Y^{r}. Honour &c^{t}. None of our Honourable Masters ships are arriv'd since our last, and We have only to add that We are

Fort S^{t}. George
30th. June 1739.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 57

To James Hope Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council at Surat.

Gentlemen

This serves to accompany the Tellicherry and Anjengo Packets for Bombay. The shroffs promise to deliver them to you in Thirty days, and we desire you will let us know the Day you receive them because We are to pay accordingly. We are

Fort St. George
30th. June 1739.

Gentlemen
Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon
&ct.

No. 58

To the Worshll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

By the Princess Augusta we received Yours of the 3d. Instant inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Cloth sent us on her, and by peons your other of the same date, inclosing your Indents for stores &ct. which shall be complied with as opportunity offers.

Having enter'd into a Contract here with Gopaul Chitty to furnish the Company with some Long cloths, and as the Major part if not the whole will come through your Bounds, We give you this Notice that you may pass it through the Mettahs as usual. As our Merchants bring in Cloth but slowly here we should be glad you could engage Yours to increase the Quantity with you, and if in order to that it should be necessary as we beleive it may, that the Advance in their hands should be encreased and you are of opinion they may be trusted therewith you have our permission to make such further advance to them in Money as you think proper.

We would likewise have you try to engage your Merchants to provide some Fine & Middling Long Cloth, both which will be very acceptable to our Honourable Masters, we send you no Musters, but would have you try what you can get at seventy five Pagodas ℔ corge the Fine, and 45 the Middling. When you have got Two or Three Hundred Pieces of each sort send us a few pieces hither that We may see how it proves.

It is some Years ago that we began to make some Soot Romals here, which were well approved at home but Indigo having of late been very dear in this part of the Country besides that the Weavers have gone off much from their first performance, we have resolved to send you the muster out of the Warehouse, and would have you provide Five thousand pieces upon the best terms you can procure them. The muster is only to shew you the goodness of the cloth, and the brightness of the Dye which last may be mended with you, and you must direct the Weavers when they make them to vary the checks that they may not be too many of one Pattern, and there must be no mixture of Red in any of them.

We have receiv'd our Honble Masters permission for your Building a new powder Magazine according to the Plan you sent us in September 1737 and which we sent them in the Packet by the Royal Guardian, you are to erect it on such a spot of Ground as is best situated for the purpose it is designed, and not to exceed the Estimate in the Expence.

For the future all you[r] Bale Goods Ordinary as well as Fine must be packed in Wax Cloth.

Fort St. George
10th. July 1739.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 59

To the Gentlemen Supra Cargoes
of the English Company's Ships at Canton.

Gentlemen

Our Honourable Masters having advis'd us they should direct you to put on board their ship Duke of Lorrain a Quantity of Tea as far as Two thousand Pecul We have given the Supra Cargoes of her orders to receive the same of you and as We have calculated her Cargo on a Supposition, that you will put that Quantity on board and shall also make provision for her Voyage to Europe agreable to that supposition. We request you will not disappoint us thereof.

The orders we have receiv'd from our Honble Masters relating to that ship's return from Canton are so strict that we cannot venture to give the Supra Cargoes any Instructions which may be interpreted into a Liberty to stay later in China than the middle of November but as it is now so late as the 13th. July and that she must go far to the Eastward to secure, thô she thereby lengthens her Passage to Canton, as she is also liable to meet with a Tuffoon and consequently may be really unable to return so soon, We therefore desire of you Gentlemen if you find she cannot get away by that time, that the Tea You put on board may be all Bohea, because should she come here too late to be Dispatched in the season to Europe that sort keeps much better than the Green. We have nothing to trouble you with further but our wishes for Your success in our Honourable Masters and Your own affairs and an assurance that We are

Fort St. George
13th. July 1739.

Gentlemen
Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 60

To Captain William Crompton &
Mr. Charles Beard.

Gentlemen

Herewith We deliver you Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Cargo We have put on Board the Duke of Lorrain for account and Risque of the Honourable United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, amounting to Pags. 40,981.23.75, which We have consigned to you to be disposed of at Canton. We doubt not but you will exert your best endeavours to dispose thereof to advantage and to procure the returns hereafter mentioned at reasonable rates, you are to draw the usual commission of five ℔ Cent on the Sales in China which is to be equally divided between you.

For a returning Cargo though We greatly fear Tutenague will not produce above twenty six pagodas Pr. Candy you must nevertheless make that the principal

article of it. Sugar, Sugar Candy, Allum and China Ware, will not We beleive yeild prime Cost besides that they employ very little Money and will put you to the necessity of buying more Gold than you will need to do if you lay Your Money out in Tutenague, Not but that if you find Gold at one hundred and Ten or under and the above articles at such Rates as will answer bringing which by the annex'd Price Current you will be able to judge, you will do well to bring a part of Your returns in those comodities. As to Quicksilver You must not bring above One hundred Peculs of it supposing it may be procured for Eighty Tale or under, but if it be above that Price bring only fifty Peculs, nor any at all if it be higher than ninety five.

For the remainder of Your stock if there be any You must lay it out in Gold at the cheapest rate but take great Care in the Touch. You are to bring two thousand Peculs of Tea which the Company's Supra Cargoes at Canton will put on board, and You may receive of them the Tale & a half ℔ Pecul, which our Honourable Masters allow for the Freight if you find You can get any thing by laying it out in Gold or want it to pay for the other part of Your Lading but otherwise you must leave the freight to be charged here.

You must deliver to the Supra Cargoes of Two of the Company's ships bound home from Canton a Packet containing your accounts of Sales, Invoice and account Current as also a Letter to the Honourable Court of Directors, with an account of all Your transactions in the discharge of this trust directing the same to the Honourable the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honourable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street London.

We are expressly order'd by our Hoñble Masters to forbid you to carry any Ophium or to bring or suffer to be brought any Camphire or other strong smelling drugs in the ship least the Tea should be damaged thereby and the Captain must take Care the Tea be stowed on the Dryest part of the ship.

Our Honourable Masters write us that if the Round about ship be not Returned to them the same Season the Voyage must prove a loosing article to them and earnestly recommend the compleating that ship's Business in Canton in October or the beginning of November. To which we can add nothing but to tell you these are their own words and are to be observed by you with the utmost exactness. We confess your late departure from hence will streighten you extreemly for time at Canton but as We have used the utmost Diligence in unloading and reloading Your ship We can only hope You will meet with better success in Your Voyage to China than the ship had in her passage from England to this Place. And to that end We order you to proceed directly from hence to the Port of Canton and when you have compleated Your Business to return from thence hither again without losing any time at Malacca or elsewhere.

We have sent Mr. Richard Stephens Purser of this Ship and Direct that in case any accident happens to either of you, He do assist the other in the management of the affairs of this ship and on his return We shall reward him in proportion to his service.

When you have Compleated Your Business at Canton (in Case of Captain Crompton's Death) you must give Sailing Orders to the Commander for the time being directing him to make the best of His way to this Port.

We give you herewith Copies of the accounts of the Sales of the Godolphin's Cargo & her Invoice back with the account Current in Canton which We beleive will be some direction to You and hereunder you will find the Prices we beleive You may expect for other China Goods. We are

Fort St. George
13th. July 1739.

Gentlemen
Yr. affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Mo son.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

PRICE CURRENT OF CHINA GOODS AT MADRASS

Allum	Pag^{s}. 6 to 6½ ℔ Candy
Sugar	9
Sugar Candy	16 to 17

N°. 61

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM CROMPTON
COMM^{R}. OF THE DUKE OF LORRAIN.

SIR

As We have in our Instructions to Y^{r}. self and M^{r}. Beard said every thing We judge necessary relating to Your Passage to and from China, This serves only to order you to repair on board and immediately set sail to proceed on Your Voyage, in which We wish you success. Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 13th. day of July 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

N°. 62

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{r}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Yesterday we receiv'd yours of the 14th. and We admit of your Explanation of our Intentions in the directions sent you for providing the Fine & Middling Long Cloth, and consent also to Your allowing Your Merch^{ts}. One pagoda ℔ Corge for their Brokerage for providing the Middling Cloth and One pagoda and three quarters for the Fine.

Having given M^{r}. Michell leave to remain here, We shall put him upon our List from the 1st. of this Month, which We advise you of that you may pay his allowances at Fort S^{t}. David to the last of June. We are

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your affectionate Friends & serv^{ts}.
RICHARD BENYON
&C^{T}.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
18TH, JULY 1739.

N°. 63

TO THE HON^{BLE} THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

We wrote you last by the S^{t}. Joan to accompany some Redwood, and We designed this ship to you sooner but have been prevented partly by a troublesome surff which has hindered our Boats working and partly by the late arrival of the Red Wood Boats from the Northw^{d}. We now Dispatch her to you with Thirty six Chests of Rupees and four of Bullion, also some Redwood as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed.

This Ship Shaftesbury took in for this Place

	℔	qrs.	lb.	
1316, slabs of Lead p^{ze}.	2001.	2.	24,	she has delivered here
1312, slabs . . . . . p^{ze}.	1992.	2.	1,	Delivered short
4, slabs . . . . . p^{ze}.	9.	—.	23,	which the Captain promises to deliver to you or to pay for the same.

We shall give you Credit for the Two Rupees short in Tale in the Money sent ℘ Sarah Galley and Calcutta sloop, and so We shall for the Tutenague short deliver'd by the Narcissus, when We have settled that matter with her Owners; But we are very much surpriz'd at so great a difference in the Weight, as it was weighed off directly from the China Ship by the Supra Cargoes without passing through the Hands of our Conicoplys.

We shall by some of the ships in August advise y^{r}. Honour &c^{t}. what number of Bales We expect to have ready here by Christmas next, that You may supply us with Tonnage accordingly, and in computing the value, if you set them at Eighty Pagodas a Bale one with another it will be as near as can be Calculated.

Inclosed are the Shaftesburys Charterparty and Manifest of Goods landed here from her.

We are

Fort S^{T}. George
18TH. July 1739.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 64

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{T}. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We designed the foregoing the 18th. and Yesterday arrived our Honourable Masters ships Normanton & Grantham, they left Portsmouth the 11th. March in Company with the Prince William, Lynn, Houghton, Somerset, Warwick and Augusta. The Richmond had left the Downs in December but being somewhat leaky put back to Plymouth in order to refit, she was repair'd in few Days but lay so long there windbound afterwards, that the Captains of these Ships tell Us they beleive she only left Plymouth at the same time they did Portsmouth, as we had before beleived she had been some time with you in the Bay We had designed the Major part of the Treasure by this ship Shaftesbury to be in Rupees, but as it is now not unlikely she may be with you before the Richmond, We have altered our Intention & have put thirty five Chests of Bullion and but five Chests of Rupees on board her, for this reason that you have in a former Letter desired that your first ship might bring her Money to you uncoin'd. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort S^{T}. George
21ST. July 1739.

Your most humble servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL ℘ SHAFTESBURY.

N°. 1. Fort S^t^. George General Letters ℘ Shaftesbury dated 18th. & 21st. July 1739.
2. Duplicate D°. ℘ S^t^. Joan dated 28 June 1739.
3. Invoice ℘ Shaftesbury amounting to Pag^s^. 97277. —. 8.
4. 1st. Bill of lading ℘ D°.
5. 2d. D°. ℘S^t^. Joan.
6. Account of Goods landed at Fort S^t^. George from the Shaftesbury.
7. Copy of the Shaftesbury's Charterparty.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 21ST. JULY 1739.

JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

No. 65

TO CAPTAIN MATTHEW BOOKEY
OF THE SHAFTESBURY.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William, whose order are to direct Your future proceedings.

We wish you a good Voyage and Date this in Fort S^t^. George this 22d. day of July 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 66

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have to answer your severals of the 4th. and 15th. June, in answer to the first We have only to say That after so great danger as the Sea horse was in We are very glad You have got the Money we sent by her safe at Vizagapatam and approve of the small present you sent the Phousdar of Itchapore.

By This Ship Princess Augusta We send you a further supply of twenty thousand Madrass pagodas and somewhat more than thirty thousand Arcot Rupees as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed.

We also send you twenty Candy of Iron and a further supply of packing stuff, and for so much of this last as may be more than you want for your own Use it must be sent to Ingeram, the Gunneys from all the Northern Settlements being much complain'd of from home as well as the Wrappers.

When We wrote you the 14th. May We intended this ship should first have taken in the Cloth at Ingeram and afterwards have come to You but having since resolved to send the Money on her, We have thought it more proper she should go directly to Vizagapatam, where you must keep her no longer than is necessary to take in what Cloth you have ready & then Dispatch her to Ingeram to take in the Cloth there but you should previous to that concert with Mr. Prince what place will be best for the ship to lye at, and for the Conveniency of shipping off the Bales, The Outsets from

the Rivers being very dangerous and troublesome at this season of the Year. We wrote him before on this subject, and were rather inclined to have the Goods sent into Your Road by some of the Country Vessels, and laden on the Ship there, but he wrote us there was no proper vessel in Ingeram River, and therefore gave it as his opinion that Caranga would be the best and safest place for the ship to ride at, and most convenient for shipping off the Bales. When you dispatch her to M^r^. Prince give the same orders to him as We have to You, namely that upon no account to detain her longer than is necessary to take in what Cloth he has ready, for after she arrives here, We must send her to the Bay.

We have before given you directions to provide Us One thousand pieces of Fine Long Cloth, it will be very acceptable to our Honourable Masters if you can increase that quantity and so it will if you can provide them any Fine Sallampores in your Parts, and for the Quantity we say send us and [*sic*] many as you can get. We are

Gentlemen

Fort S^T^. George
23^D^. July 1739.

Your affectionate Friends
R. Benyon.
R. Fowke.
A. Burton.
N. Morse.
W. Monson.
G. Torriano.
J. Sanderson.

No. 67

To M^R^. Richard Prince
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have receiv'd Your severals of the 1st. & 17th. June, and this comes by the Princess Augusta, which ship we have ordered into Vizagapatam to take in the Cloth there and afterwards to call in at Ingeram for Yours. M^r^. Simpson will advise You when she arrives at Vizagapatam, and You must let him know if You continue in Your former opinion that Caranga will be the best place for her to lye at both for the safety of the ship and the Conveniency of shipping off your bales. When she arrives with you, you must make all possible dispatch in getting off your Bales, and upon no account detain her longer than is necessary for that purpose because We intend after her return hither to send her to the Bay. We are

Fort S^T^. George

Sir

23^D^. July 1739.

Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 68

To M^R^. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddepollam.

Sir

We have receiv'd yours of the 26th. June and are very sorry to observe by comparing the List of cloth annexed with that at the foot of yours of the 21st. April

your Merchants have brought in but three & twenty Bales in the last two months. We shall be expect[g]. what cloth you have on hand by Your Brigantine agreable to Your promise; at Present We have only to add that We are

FORT S[r]. GEORGE
23[D]. JULY 1739.

SIR
Your affectionate Friends
R. BENYON.
R. FOWKE.
A. BURTON.
N. MORSE.
W. MONSON.
G. TORRIANO.
J. SANDERSON.

No. 69

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE GORING
OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to Repair on board Your ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam, where, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet with what else You have on board for that settlement, to the Chief and Council there, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings. Dated in Fort S[t]. George this 23[d]. day of July 1739.

R. BENYON.
R. FOWKE.
A. BURTON.
N. MORSE.
W. MONSON.
G. TORRIANO.
J. SANDERSON

No. 70

TO THE HON̄BLE STEPHEN LAW ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C[T]. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was the 30th. June to accompany the Tellicherry and Anjengo Packets and having since receiv'd two others from those settlements We send them by these Peons.

The 20th. Inst[t]. arrived here our Hon̄ble Masters ships Normanton and Grantham, they left the Downs the beginning of March in Company with the Prince William for Bombay, the Augusta & Houghton for China, the Somerset for Bengall and Bencoolen, the Warwick for Bengall and Bombay and the Lynn for Madeira & Coast and Bay.

We find by our Letter from the Company the Supra Cargoes of the Houghton and Walpole are ordered to provide a returning Cargo for the Harrington for Bombay. We have before advised Your Honour &c[t]. of the arrival of the Shaftesbury the 28th. May and the Duke of Lorrain the 11th. June, this last sail'd for Canton the 14th. Instant.

We are

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
24TH. JULY 1739.

HON̄BLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble servants
R. BENYON &C[T].

No. 71

To William Wake Esq[r].
Chief &c[t]. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have receivd Your severals of the 27th. May & 29th. June, accompanying Your Packets for the Presidency of Bombay which were forwarded a few days after they were received: The last Packet came to us opened which the Peons tell us was by Persons they met on the Road, who robbed them of thirty Rupees, for the future We desire Your Packets may be made up in smaller parcels which also will be more convenient for the carriage from hence to Bombay, The shroffs having complain'd much that the two last Packets were very bulky.

The 28th. May arrived our Hon̄ble Masters ship Shaftesbury as did the Duke of Lorrain the 11th. June, the Normanton and Grantham came in the 20th. past, and last night anchord in our Road the Somerset all from England.

If the Defence calls upon you in her way home, we desire you will put on board her the inclosed Packet directed for our Hon̄ble Masters. We are

Fort S[t]. George
2[d]. Aug[t]. 1739.

Gentlemen
Your most humble servants
R. Benyon.
R. Fowke.
A. Burton.
N. Morse.
W. Monson.
G. Torriano.
J. Sanderson.

No. 72

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq[r].
Deputy Governour &c[t]. Council of Fort S[t]. David.

Worsh[ll]. Sir & Sirs

I am ordered by the President and Council to acknowledge their having received Yours of the 31st. ultimo and to advise that twenty thousand Pagodas will be sent you tomorrow, under Charge of thirty peons. I am

Fort S[t]. George
3[d]. August 1739.

Worsh[ll]. Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant
John Savage
Sec[ry].

No. 73

To the Worsh[ll]. James Hubbard Esq[r].
Deputy Governour &c[t]. Council of Fort S[t]. David.

Worsh[ll]. Sir & Sirs

This serves only to accompany the supply of Twenty thousand pagodas of which You were advised Yesterday by our order. We are

Fort S[t]. George
4th. Aug[t]. 1739.

Worsh[ll]. Sir and Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Serv[ts].
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
[*Lacuna*].
John Sanderson.

No. 74

To the Worsh^ll^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

The 3^d^. Instant we receiv'd yours of the 31st. Ultimo and two days ago sent you a supply of twenty thousand Pagodas for your Cash ; We shall now reply to what you write us relating to Nanjan Chitty, his having taken Farm of the King of Misore for the coining of Fanams and making cloth at Salem and his Intentions of raising the price of both ; Your advices agree perfectly with what we heard some time ago from some of our own Merchants, but we could give them no directions upon it further than that they should act in concert with yours to oppose it, and to let us know before they complied with any such imposition ; We think from the nature of the thing it cannot last long, the Weavers as well as the Merchant will be too uneasy under so great a Greivance, At Present our Merchants assure Us they confine themselves chiefly to Warriarpollam, and have not lately done any thing at Salem, but as Cloth comes in but slow from Warriarpollam they also are pressing us for Directions, how they are to act in Salem. We are sorry to read by yours that any others have complied with Nanjan Chitty's exactions, but as We have no reason either to hope or expect, that we shall get cloth cheaper than other European Nations, if you really find after Your best enquiry that they really have submitted to his terms we know no remedy but to submit to the necessity of the times, but as you are so much nearer to those parts than We are and many sudden turns may happen wherein it may be losing much time to wait for directions from hence, We have resolved to leave this affair to Y^r^. Conduct and have renewed the directions to our Merchants to act conformable to those which You may give Yours. We are

Fort S^t^. George
6th. Augt. 1739.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Your affectionate Friends & Serv^ts^.
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
[*Lacuna.*]
John Sanderson.

No. 75

To Charles Whitehill Esqr.
Chief &c^t^. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd Your severals of the 22^d^. May and 8th. June accompanying your Packets for Bombay, which We sent forward few days after We receiv'd them.

This is to accompany two Packets We received Yesterday by the Galatea from Benjar one directed to our Honourable Masters, the other to the Supra Cargoes of such ship as may be bound to Benjar next Season to be left for them at the Cape of Good Hope, which as we Dispatch no ship from hence in September we send to you in hopes they may reach you in time to send by the Defence.

By the Galatea We are advised the Marlborough did not arrive on the West Coast till the 5th. December last, she had buried several of her Men in the Passage, and the rest were so sick and weak she could not proceed to Benjar till the 1st. or 2^d^. of February where she arrived the 11th. of March ; The 15th. April arriv'd there also the Walpole Captain Boddam, what Pepper had been purchased for the Marlborough was put on board the Walpole and the Marlborough was to wait for the next crop which probably would detain her till October or November.

Our Honourable Masters ships that have arrived here this season from England are as follows.

Shaftesbury	Matthew Bookey	28 May
Duke of Lorrain	William Crompton	11 June
Normanton	Reginald Kemeys	20th. July
Grantham	Roger Hale	20th. July
Somerset	Robert Holmes	1st. August
Warwick	Richard Shooter	7 Do.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most humble servants

Richard Benyon

&c^T^.

Fort St. George

9th. August 1739.

No. 76

To the Worshll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour of Fort St. David &ct. Council.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

This is [to] advise that We shall Dispatch to You tomorrow or next day Our Honble Masters Sloop Caroline, with what stores you had formerly wrote for, but which we had not then receiv'd from England. We would have her return'd to us with what Bales you have ready and she can take in. We have receiv'd from your Place since the Dispatch of the Princess Mary in January last, six hundred and ten Bales, and as it is necessary we should make some computation of the number we shall have in January for the loading of the ships at that Season, & to write to the Bay for Tonnage to take them in, we would have you let us know what number you compute you shall have ready by the end of January, over and above those We have already received. We are very unwilling to keep any ship upon the Coast after the last of January and therefore You will make your Computation accordingly. We are

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George

9th. August 1739.

Your affectionate Friends & Servts.

Richard Benyon

&ct.

No. 77

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote You last by the Shaftesbury Duplicate of which is inclosed. The Somerset arrived here the 1st. and the Warwick the 7th. Instant, This by the Somerset is to inclose an Indent of such Goods as We desire Your Honour &ct. will put on board her for the West Coast the amount of which you will please to charge to our accot. We suppose the Warwick will follow this ship in few days and We hope to Dispatch the Normanton and Grantham to You in a Week or Ten days at furthest. We are

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most humble servants

Fort St. George

12 August 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

FORT ST. GEORGE 12TH. AUGUST 1739.

INDENT OF GOODS TO BE SENT ON THE SOMERSET TO FORT MARLBOROUGH.

Ophium Patna	3 Chests
Oyl	20 Jars
Gunny Bags of the best & thickest sort	2000.
Twine	10 Maund
Taffatys Red	5 Corge
Casimbuzar Chints	5 Do.
Patna Do.	5 Do.

R. BENYON
&CT.

No. 78

To THE WORSHLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID &CT. COUNCIL.
WORSHLL. SR. & SRS.

Inclosed are Invoice and Bills of Lading for the Wares and Stores We now send you on the Hon̄ble Company's Sloop Carolina, as also Invoice of the Medicines receiv'd this year from England for Your place, the Key of the Chest is deliverd to the Master. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
12TH. AUGT. 1739.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 79

To MR. CARDIGAN RICHD. DUTTON
MASTER OF THE SLOOP CAROLINA.
SIR

On receipt hereof you are forthwith to repair on board your Vessel and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings, Dated in Fort St. George this 13th. day of August 1739.

Signed by order of the President and Council.

JNO. SAVAGE
Secry.

No. 80

To THE WORSHIPLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.
WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

A few days past we receiv'd yours of the 14th. and observe therein the Complaints made of two of our Merchants namely Ponapa Chitty and Gopall Chitty, particularly of the last, who is son of Custoora Chitty a Tritchanopoly Merchant, residing in Your Bounds, we have taken pains to enquire into the truth of said Complaints and for that purpose have had both those Merchants before us in Council: as to Ponapa Chitty he tells us, that his Gomastas bought some Cloth last year of Nanjan Chitty, but he declares positively that since then the said Nanjan Chitty has not provided any Cloth for him nor have his Gomastas bought any of him and indeed we have pretty good reason to beleive any thing he has done this year can have been of very little prejudice to any body. He shews us indeed a Letter from Nanjan Chitty inviting him to employ him in the purchase of cloth which there could have been no occasion for nor for the orders Nanjan Chitty sent to Ponapah Chitty's People not to Pay any more money to the Brokers for Cloth if Ponapa Chitty had before Yielded to his Exactions and settled with him to allow him 2 or 2½ Pagodas ℔ Corge.

As to Gopall Chitty he also shewed us a Letter which he receivd three days ago from Nanjan Chitty inviting him to employ him in providing cloth, but He assures Us he neither has, nor designs to comply with his request: That the five thousand Pagodas he sent to Salem was to his three Gomastas namely Raja Veraugo Chitty, Kistnama Chitty and Rangapa Chitty, and the directions he sent them with the money was to go hand in hand with the Gomastas of the Fort S^t^. David Merchants; He adds that he will not answer for any thing that Sashachilum may have acquainted Nanjan Chitty with, but for himself he has no correspondence with Sashachilum, and having his own Gomastas at Salem he could have given them orders to have acquainted Nanjan Chitty with any thing he thought proper without being under the necessity of doing it by the means of Sashachilum, and as to what you write us of Sashachilum & your Merchants not knowing that he provided any Cloth at Salem it is to us very surprising, because Molinga Kistnama Chitty who is one of our Merchants and a Relation of Sashachilum has often had cloth from Salem, which was provided by Sashachilum's Gomastas. Gopall Chitty being examined further about his People being privy to the agreements made by your Merchants Agent with Rashapa at Warriarpollam for twenty Ox load of 8 Caul Cloth at 39 Pagodas ℘ Corge and afterwards offering the same Broker 39½ for it, he replied that he could not positively say it was not so, till he had wrote about it and received an answer, but he beleived it was of a Piece with the other Informations you had receivd as having given positive orders to all his People not to advance anything in the price above the Fort S^t^. David Merchants nor to take in any Cloth which they refused: Upon the whole if what our Merchants tell us be true there is some reason to apprehend the stories which have been brought you proceed from some Disgust and Ill Blood between your Merchants and ours in which case there is nothing more easy than for Letters to be wrote and Peons sent express as from the Country when neither one nor other were ever out of your Bounds or both may be sent from the Country by directions first from Fort S^t^. David: We don't say this really is the Case, but is what you ought to guard against for you have some near Neighbours who will know how to take all advantages of any Divisions among our People and will not be wanting to foment it to the utmost of their Power: We should be very glad to Employ but one set of People in the providing cloth to the Southward and if your Merchants would have enter'd into larger Engagements we should have set down contented here with the little that is procurable in this part of the Country but the Company are very uneasy at the large Investment made by the French in your Parts and expect to come in at least for an equal share with them and We know no way to answer those Expectations, but by Agreeing with our Merchants here for so far as yours may be deficient: We agree entirely with you that if there be but one seller at Salem, it must of necessity occasion the Cloth to grow dearer or worse, but we don't apprehend it will be mended much by there being only one buyer, for our Company if at the same time there are many different buyers for the other European Nations, but however that be We cannot take upon us to direct your Merchants how or where to provide their Cloth, that is a matter which must and ought to be left to themselves and all we expect from them is to have it as good and cheap as our neighbours.

If your Merchants bring you any further Complaints of Gopall Chitty, as Custoora Chitty lives in your Bounds, you may enquire into those complaints by calling him before You, which will save You the trouble of writing up here about them.

During the present unsettled state of the Country we have given M^r^. Hubbard our Directions to entertain as many Topasses and peons as he shall judge necessary to the Defence of your Bounds. We are

Fort S^t^. George — Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

21st. Augt. 1739. — Your affectionate Friends & servants

R. Benyon.
R. Fowke.
A. Burton.
N. Morse.
W. Monson.
G. Torriano.
J. Sanderson.

No. 81

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Somerset carried you our last of the 12 August. The Warwick followed that ship the 18th. This by the Normanton and Grantham is to advise that We have laden on each ship Two hundred and forty Thousand Rupees besides Redwood as ꝑ the several Invoices and Bills of Lading which come in their respective Packets. By the Lynn we shall send you Twenty Chests of Treasure more part Rupees and part Dollars. We have kept as near as we could to the directions you sent us to Coin no more than one third of the Treasure designed for your place, but One hundred chest of the Silver receiv'd this year was in Barrs, of which we have twenty two remaining here, that We keep for sale to supply our own Cash, except we have any considerable sum paid in for Bills of Exchange in January ; In that case we shall coin it into Rupees and send it to You if Your Occasions require it.

We are now to advise your Honour &c^a. that besides what Bales we shall have for the dispatch of the Duke of Lorrain, We hope to have Two thousand four hundred more to fill up such ships as you may send us in December. But in regard our Investment is subject to many Accidents and disappointments, We desire you will send us about One hundred Tons of Salt Petre to compleat their Tonnage in Case it should happen that we are not able to do it in Bales. We are also to desire your Honour &c^a. will Dispatch the ships early to Us in December that we may if possible get them away by the middle of January being very averse to keeping them later if it can be avoided. As the full moon falls this year on the 4th. December we hope there will be no danger in their coming out of the River as soon as that is over.

Inclosed is our Indent for packing stuff, as to saltpetre besides the hundred Tons requested above, We are to desire you will supply us with as much more as your other necessary occasions will admit of for the Company have observed that for years past our quantity on hand has been so scanty that we have seldom been able to load more on their ships from hence, than their Kintlage and therefore are desirous that we should have always lying in our Godowns four or five thousand Bags by which means they would reap the benefit of having it home at half freight and they add would answer very valuable purposes in other respects.

We send also inclosed the accounts Current between the two Presidency's with our Accomptant's remarks on the difference between yours and ours to which We beg leave to referr. This ships Charterparty and an account of Goods landed here from her come also in the packet.

We are

Fort S^t. George
26 Augt. 1739.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants
R. Benyon &c^a.

List of the Packet ꝑ Normanton.

N°. 1. Fort S^t. George General Letter dated 26th. August 1739.
2. Duplicate Ditto 12th. August 1739.
3. Invoice ꝑ Normanton amounting to Pag^s. 77984. 27. 30.
4. Bill of Lading ꝑ Normanton.
5. Export Warehousekeeper's Indent for Wares and stores.
6. Accounts Current Bengall Presidency.
7. An account of the Differences between the Bengall and Fort S^t. George Accounts Current.
8. Copies of the Lyell's Invoices from Bengall.
9. An account of Goods landed at Fort S^t. George ꝑ Normanton.
10. Normanton's Charterparty.
11. Second Bill of Lading ꝑ Grantham.

Fort S^t. George 26th. Augt. 1739.

LIST OF THE PACKET ₱ GRANTHAM.

N°. 1. Fort S^t^. George General Letter dated 26th. August 1739.
2. Invoice ₱ Grantham amounting to P^s^. 77984. 14. 70.
3. Bill of Lading ₱ Grantham.
[*N°. 4. Omitted*].
5. Accounts current Bengall Presidency.
6. Account of the differences between the Bengall & Fort S^t^. George accounts Current.
7. Copies of the Lyell's Invoices from Bengall.
8. Account of Goods landed at Fort S^t^. George ₱ Grantham.
9. Grantham's Charterparty.
10. Second Bill of Lading ₱ Normanton.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 26TH. AUGUST 1739.

JN°. SAVAGE
Sec^ry^.

N.B.—The second Bill of Lading ₱ Normanton will come by the Lyn.

No. 82

TO CAPTAIN REGINALD KEMYS
OF THE NORMANTON.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings.

We wish you a good Voyage and date this in Fort S^t^. George this 26th. day of August 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 83

TO CAPTAIN ROGER HALE
OF THE GRANTHAM.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the river of Bengall, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct your future proceedings.

We wish you a good Voyage and Date this in Fort S^t^. George this 26th. day of August 1739.

RICHARD BENYON
&C^T^.

No. 84

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. &C^T^. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

Having wrote you the needfull by several ships this season, we have now only to advise, that by this Ship Lynn we have sent you twenty five Chests of Treasure, Rupees and Dollars, as ₱ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed.

We also inclosed Copies of what We wrote you by the Resolution, and S^t. Joan not knowing when this last was [lost and] the Letters were saved, Copy of this Ships Charterparty and an account of Goods landed from her. We are

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servants

FORT S^T. GEORGE
2^D. SEPTEM^R. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.

In the Packet comes also second Bill of Lading ℘ Normanton & duplicate Invoices ℘ that ship & the Grantham. We have receiv'd short here from the Lynn Sixty Deals, Three Uffers & thirteen Chaldron & twenty Bushels of Sea Coals, which the Captain promises to deliver to your Hon^r. &c^t. and are endorsed on his Bill of Lading.

No. 85

TO CAPTAIN CHARLES GILBERT
OF THE LYNN.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship, and make the best of Your way to the river of Bengall, on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William, whose orders are to direct your future proceedings.

We wish you a good Voyage and Date this in Fort S^t. George, this second day of Septem^r. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 86

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^T. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd Yours of the 15th. Ultimo covering Copy of what you wrote Us the Day before by the Princess Augusta, not yet arrived.

On the Triton Galley bound for Metchlepatam and Your Place We send you such of the Wares & Stores you Indent for as our stock on hand will admit of and for which you have Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed.

We cannot send you any Twine, which you must therefore provide yourselves with in the best manner you can, and we suppose a less quantity than you Indented for (which is sufficient for two thousand Bales) will serve your Occasions. Nor can We spare you more than Five Candy of Gunpowder. We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Richard Benyon.

Randall Fowke.

Augustus Burton.

Nicholas Morse.

William Monson.

George Torriano

John Sanderson.

Fort S^t^. George
9th. Septem^r^. 1739.

No. 87

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your severals of the 3^d^. 4th. & 5th. Instant and one of the 3^d^. from the Deputy Governour. The hopes you have that no occasion of complaints will happen for the future from the conduct of our Merchants, in the measures they take in providing cloth, makes it unnecessary for us to say any thing in reply to great part of the first Letter. We receiv'd by the Sloop Carolina the Musters you sent us of the French Fine Cloths and have compared them with our Musters here: The observations We make on them are that they are neither so well made nor so cheap as those sorts used to be, but we are sensible that is the fault of the times, and though our Merchants did last year bring us in better for the money, yet they lost so much by it, and could not be prevailed on to bring in near so much as they promised, and thô we are upon another footing this year we apprehend they will nevertheless bring in far short of our wants and therefore We would have you engage your Merchants to bring in as good and cheap as they can, all they can get between this & January of the Ten, twelve and fifteen Cauls cloth; The Company demand so little of the Eighteen Caul Cloth, that We think we shall be able to get the whole quantity here and We think also better and cheaper than your Muster.

The Deputy Governour having in his seperate Letter represented to Us the necessity of entertain^g^. an hundred Topasses more, and that there is between the N. E. Bastion of Cuddalore, and the river side, a space of about two hundred and fifty Yards which lying entirely open it would be impossible to prevent a party of Horse from pushing into the Town, and which might be render'd of greater security by a Breastwork of Earth with palisades and a little Earthen Redoubt for three Guns near the River side, we have resolved in considerations of the Present state of affairs in the country to Consent thereto.

We have receiv'd your Indent for stores & shall supply you with all that our own scanty stock will admit of: We have no Europe Powder, but shall send you Five Candy of Country, nor can We send You any Flints, Musquets or Cartouch Boxes, the latter We are making as well as We can here for our own Use.

Having no Covenanted Servants that We can spare you from hence in the room of M^r^. Mitchell we permit you to entertain M^r^. Thomas Cooke Junr. as a Monthly Writer at ten Pagodas ℔ Month.

We have already told you we cannot spare you any Musquets, but we will send you an hundred Buccaneir Pieces, which may serve in case of necessity, if you have no use for them, you may return them to Us, when the Country is again settled.

We are

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
10 SEPTR. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 88

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT WILLIAM &CR. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Herewith is Duplicate of our last by the Lynn, which ship left us the 2d. Instant, in Company with the Prince of Wales and Queen Caroline. We referr you to what wrote ℘ Normanton Triplicate of which is Inclosed, relating to the Number of Bales we should have ready for the loading of such ships, as you might send us in December, but as it may happen the state of your own Investment may require a larger Tonnage than our Honourable Masters have provided, you may in that Case send us only Tonnage for sixteen or Eighteen hundred Bales, and so omit the saltpetre if your stock on hand is but small, thô otherwise we should be glad to have a quantity by us as it may be of Use upon some other occasion.

Inclosed is second Bill of Lading ℘ Lynn and we desire Your Honour &ct. will send us two thousand Quires of Bengall paper with the rest of the stores.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. SEPTEMR. 1739.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 89

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT WILLIAM &CR. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We closed the foregoing yesterday morning & in the afternoon came in here our Honourable Masters ship Richmond, but in a good deal of distress having been six Months in her Passage from Plymouth without touching any where, by which means she has buried twelve of her Men, and above forty others are unable to keep the Deck, they are coming ashoar into our Hospital and the Captain hopes in a Week or

ten days they will be able to go on board again, in the mean time we are geting him a Gang of as Good Lascars as we can at this season of the Year, your Honour &c^{t}. may be assured We shall press her Departure as soon as possible, and wishing her safe to you we remain

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
11 SEPT^{R}. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 90

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL}. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

This by order of the President & Council covers Invoice and Bills of Lading for Wares & Stores now sent you on a Country Boat, Mannapah Tandel. The particular Invoice of the Medicines are also inclosed and the peons will deliver you the Key of the Chest.

I am

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servant

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
14 SEPTEM^{R}. 1739.

JOHN SAVAGE
Sec^{ry}.

No. 91

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL}. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Yesterday we receiv'd Yours of the 13th. and if the Nabob or Subderally Caun should pass near you, it will doubtless be proper you should send some of your Gentlemen with a suitable Present, but as We observe you have nothing by you fit for that purpose but Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes, We are looking out for somewhat here to mix with [them], which if We can procure, shall be sent you overland in a day or two, if otherwise you must endeavour to get somewhat from Pondicherry.

We shall also tomorrow send you twenty thousand Pagodas overland.

We are

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
16 SEPT^{R}. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 92

To the Worsh^ll^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

This by order of the President and Council accompanies the supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas, under charge of thirty Peons, of which they advised You Yesterday. I am

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Fort S^t^. George
17 Septr. 1739.

Your most humble servant
John Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 93

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort William &c^t^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was by the Arlington of the 10 & 11th. Instant; this waits on you by the Richmond.

Yesterday arrived here our Honble Masters ship George from Fort Marlborough, where the Britania Captain Somner arrived the 13th. July, by her We are advised of the arrival of the following homeward bound ships.

Arrival.	bound ships.	Saild for Europe.
27 Novem^r^.	Wilmington	3^d^. January
18 Decem^r^.	Hallifax	3^d^. January
19 February	Queen Carolina	4th. March
D^o^.	King William	13th. D^o^.
22^d^. D^o^.	Beaufort	13th. D^o^.
7th. March	Royal George	
9th. D^o^.	Lyell	
22^d^. D^o^.	Onslow	

The Recruits we have receiv'd from England this year, not being sufficient to make up our ordinary compliment of Europeans, and as we apprehend our present number will be still less in December if any of the Homeward bound ships should be in want of Men, for in that case the temptation of Impress & pay homeward bound, induces many of our Men to request for their Discharges, which otherwise they would not think of or desire [if] they were to work for their Passages Home. The Duke of Lorrain lost many Men in her Passage out, and therefore the Captain will doubtless be for Impressing as many others as he can; We are therefore to desire your Honour &c^t^. will endeavour to List forty or fifty Europeans, to serve as soldiers here or at Fort S^t^. David; We do not mean to lessen your own force, but we are told you have often an opportunity of Picking up a good number in the Bay, which if you should have this year, We desire you will send them to Us, on the Europe ships, and perhaps the charge of recruiting this way, will be cheaper to the Company than by their ships from England.

Inclosed We send you an Indent for the West Coast, which if it arrives with you before the Somerset sails, We desire you will please to comply with and lay the former List aside as useless. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
19 Septr. 1739.

Your most humble servants
R. Benyon
&c^t^.

INDENT FOR STORES &C^{T}. TO BE SENT ON THE SOMERSET TO FORT MARLBRÔ.

Ophium, Patna	1	One Chest
Oyll, Mustard seed	100	One hundred Jars
Guee	20	Twenty Jars
Taffaties Viz^{t}.		
Yellow		
Blue	50	Fifty pieces.
Green		
White		
Gunney Bags of the best & thickest sort	2000	Two thousand.
[Twine]	10	Maunds Ten.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 19TH. SEPTEM^{R}. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 94

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Agreable to what We wrote you in our last we now send you overland two Pieces of Velvet & what else we could pick up here, to mix with your Broad Cloth, in case the Nabob or Subderally Caun should pass so near you as to make a present necessary, the particulars and cost are as hereunder. We are

WORSHIP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
19 SEPTEM^{R}. 1739.

ONE Box containing Viz^{t}.

Velvets Green 1 p^{s}. q^{t}. 29¾ yd. value £ 26. 15. 3 or P^{s}		66	32	50
Yellow 1 q^{t}. 28 value £ 22. 12. 7 or P^{s}.		56	20	50
	P^{s}.	123	17	20
Two pair of Crimson Velvet Cushions Embroider'd with Tassels.		150	—	—
ANOTHER Box containing vizt.				
One Gun mounted with silver		24	—	—
One pair of Pistols D^{o}.		26	9	—
	Pagodas	323	26	20

No. 95

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &c^{t}. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Since our last Copy of which is here Inclosed, We have receiv'd Your original of the 14th. ultimo by the Augusta, importing here the 22^{d}. Instant.

This is only to accompany the Honble Company's ship George that We have thought fit to order into your River, till the full Moon in December is over when we would have you send her to Maddepollam to take in the cloth that may be then ready there for this place, unless in the Interim you shall receive our orders to the Contrary.

This ship being in want of some sheathing about her Bends, and some other repairs, We would have you give the Captain your assistance in doing what is necessary, taking care that the work be substantially performed, and at the most reasonable [Expence]. We are

Fort S^{t}. George
27 Septem^{r}. 1739.

Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

P.S.—We send you by this ship a supply of Twine for which Invoice Bill of Lading are inclosed, as are also the accounts of the sortments of the Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloths, and you[r] Account Curr^{t}. with this Presidency.

No. 96

To Captain John Taylor
of the Ship George.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship & make the best of your way to Vizagapatam, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompany^{g}. Packet, to the Chief & Council there, whose orders are to direct your future proceedings. We wish you a good Voyage and Date this in Fort S^{t}. George this 27th. day of Septr. 1739.

R. Benyon
&c^{t}.

No. 97

To the Worsh^{ll}. Robert Lennox Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

By the Galatea who Imported the 8th. August we receivd Your Letter of the 31st. December with one from M^{r}. Hurlock at Tatas of the 13th. June, and the George who came in the 15th. Instant brought Us also Yours of the 15th. of the preceeding Month, with Your several Books and Papers, to which We shall give full answer in January. [This you] will receive by the sloop Carolina, built for the service of your Settlement, she arriv'd with us from Pegue in April and We have kept her to this time that she might go to you in the proper season: Inclosed is a List of her stores, and an account of her Impress; you will find her Burthen exceeds what you mention'd to us, she being full sixty Tons, and esteem'd a strong Good Vessell. The Master of her M^{r}. Cardigan Richard Dutton, has desired Us to acquaint you of his being inclined to return to the Coast by the first Opportunity, which you will grant him liberty to do on his request.

We have sent you all the Nails we have of the sort you Indented for, with some other Articles as ⅌ Invoice accompanying this amounting to Pagodas 109. 5. 24, as we design the Princess Augusta for your Coast in January We shall lade on that ship the remainder of what you have wrote to Us for, with the White Long Cloth, this Vessel having but a single Deck is not so proper a Conveyance as the other for Carrying Bale Goods.

We have desired the Gentlemen of Bengal to send you by the Somerset the Particulars contain'd in your Indent which are procurable there, she sail'd from hence the 15th. of August for that place.

The Walpole was to leave Borneo the middle of July, and Mr. Hurlock acquaints Us he beleiv'd with about 3000 pecul of Pepper; The Marlbrough was to stay for the next crop, so that it is probable she would not get away before October or November; When Captain Mylne came away that ship had no part of her cargo ready, and Pepper was so scarce that the Supra Cargoes of the Walpole desired Captain Mylne to deliver them on the Company's account even the 350 Pecul he receiv'd for a Debt of last years, and what you gave him Liberty to take on board, so that he brought none to this Port.

For the reasons given in your 61 par. We approve of the Appointment of Mr. Henry Sterling to succeed Lieutenant Horne decd. in the Command of Your Second Company of soldiers.

We shall endeavour to send you some Arabs in January, at Present there are none in Town.

The Account of Goods licensed to be laden on this sloop is Inclosed.

We wish her safe to you and are

Fort St. George

28 Septr. 1739.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Your affec. Friends and servants
Richd. Benyon
&ct.

Manifest of Goods licensed to be shipped on board the Sloop Carolina on account the undermentiond Persons.

	By Mr. Morse for Robert Lennox Esqr.					
Bales 1	Patolys	4	11	220	—	—
	By Ditto for Mr. Wm. Coles.					
1	Patolys	4	7	260	—	—
Bundles						
1	Ginghams Blue	1	–	65	—	—
	Moorees	1	–			
	Handkerchiefs	–	4			
	Beteelas	–	5			
2						
	By Mr. Dutton for himself & Officers.					
3	Slops			300	—	—
6	Bales & Bundles		Pags.	785	—	—

Fort St. George 28 Sepr. 1739.

J. Savage
Sec'y.

N°. 98

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

This is only to cover Invoice & Bill of Lading for Five Candy of Gunpowder, We send you on this Sloop Carolina; The Master of her has our orders to make no longer stay at your place than to deliver it.

We are

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Your affectionate Friends and Servants

Fort S^{t}. George
28 Septem^{r}. 1739.

Rich^{d}. Benyon &c^{t}.

N°. 99

To M^{r}. Cardigan Richard Dutton
Master of the sloop Carolina.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your sloop and make the best of your way to Fort S^{t}. David where you are to make no longer stay than to deliver the Gunpowder you have on board for that Place, and the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council. You are then to proceed directly to Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra, where you are to deliver the [Packet] you likewise receive herewith, and what stores &c^{t}. you have on board for that Settlement to the Deputy Governour & Council there whose orders are to direct your future Proceedings Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 28th. day of September 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

N°. 100

To the Ho$\tilde{n}$ble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort William &c^{t}. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Richmond sail'd out of our Road the 20 Instant and carried you our last of the 19, Duplicate of which is inclosed.

We intended this ship Princess Augusta to you much sooner, if she had not been detain'd to the Northward longer than we designed or expected, however as she has the Character of a Prime [Sailer] We hope she will arrive with you in time to be return'd to us again in Dec^{r}., when We design her to the West Coast, our intention in sending her to you now being to assist in bringing up the saltpetre, but if your stock on hand will not allow you to send Us more than what may be brought by the Europe ships We then desire this ship may be loaded with good Rice.

The Captain tells us she was not sheathed at Bombay, a Work that We beleive will be necessary before she goes to the West Coast; Your Honour &c^{t}. will be pleased to direct this matter to be considered and reported to you by some of the most able & experienced seafaring Men, and to order, therein as may be thought proper.

The Mercury & Fanny brought us y^{r}. favours of the 30th. July & 9th. August & We are sorry you had no news of the Resolution when the last came away. To supply the loss of the Red Wood on the S^{t}. Joan, We send you a further quantity on the Princess Augusta.

We have demanded of Captain Joy's Executor the Amount of the Bill on him for Current Rupees 207.12. We shall do our best to recover it but the Executor at present pleads the want of assets.

We have receiv'd the Jugdea Baffaes by the Fanny, and have only to add that We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH. SEPTR. 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 101

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE GORING
OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Your ship & make the best of your way for the Port of Calcutta in Bengall; On your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there, whose orders are to direct Your future proceedings, Dated in Fort St. George this 29th. day of September 1739.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 102

TO CHARLES SIMPSON ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Herewith is Duplicate of what we wrote you by our Honourable Masters ship George and having since taken into consideration how to get the cloth up from the Northern Settlements in December We have agreed that the George shall bring up that from Ingeram for which purpose you must order her thither [again] after the 4th. Decemr. as you can get her ready: Mr. Prince will have our directions to detain her there no longer than is necessary to take in the Bales as she must afterwards proceed from thence to Motopolee to take in some Chay Goods which will be ready there against her arrival: if Captain Taylor be unacquainted with that place and you have any good Syrang or Tandell with you that knows it we would have you send him on the ship. The Triton We beleive will be big enough to bring hither the remainder of the Maddepollam Goods and the Owners have promised to order her in thither for that purpose, as for the Vizagapatam Cloth We think you cannot fail of some good conveyance for that out of your own River and the sooner you send it after the full Moon is over the better.

We shall give you credit for the six old Guns put on board the Princess Augusta and Debt you for those Six and their Carriages you receiv'd out of her when We know the Price of them from Bombay.

The Gomastahs of some of your Merchants who had some cloth turn'd out here have tender'd us between nine and ten thousand Rupees which they say is the ballce. due from their Masters upon your books, in consequence of their contracts with Mr. Davis and Mr. Sanderson; This Money they ought to have made good at Vizagapatm.

but as they have pleaded that they could not dispose of the turned out Cloth till it was too late in the season to send the Money to their Masters, We have for this once indulged them in receiving the remainder of their [ballances] here, and you must not fail in your next to send us up a state of their accounts from the ballance of the Books in April 1738.

You may permit Lieutenant Crompton to come hither in December next if he desires it.

We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
12 OCTOBER 1739.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
R. BENYON.
R. FOWKE.
A. BURTON.
N. MORSE.
W. MONSON.
G. TORRIANO.
J. SANDERSON.

N°. 103

TO M^R^. RICHARD PRINCE
RESID^T^. AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your severals of the 22^d^. Augt. and 2^d^. September the last by the Princess Augusta that did not arrive here till the 22^d^. Septem^r^. We have receiv'd the Cloth you sent by her but cannot yet tell how it turns out for want of time and proper weather to overlook it.

As for that [which] may be ready in December we have order'd the Company's ship George to be sent to you from Vizagapatam as soon as she can be got ready after the full moon in December is over; You must keep her no longer with you than is necessary to ship off what Cloth you have ready, when that is done you must give the Captain orders to call in at Motopolee to take in about twenty Bales of Chay Goods and afterwards to make the best of his way hither.

M^r^. Salomons having acquainted Us that it would be necessary you should come up hither to execute some writings receiv'd this year from England, that the same may be returned by the Jan^ry^. ships, if you think as he does, you have our permission to come with your cloth, leaving the ballance of your Cash, & what other Effects the Company may have at Ingeram under the care of Messrs. Andrews and Arbuckle.

Just now is come to hand yours of the 9th. Ultimo and We observe what you write about the Batta or rather the discount of one and a half ℔ Cent insisted upon by the Nabob on the Madrass Pagodas and that the shroffs have made it a pretence to discount three & a half ℔ Cent when they receive them of the Weavers; We suppose this has referrence to some other money or coins that are current in your parts, and We shall be glad to know what they are whether Rupees or Pagodas, and what the different rates of Exchange are between both. We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
12TH. OCTO^R^. 1739.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 104

To Mr. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddepollam.

Sir

We have receiv'd your severals of the 25th. August and 15th. September the last of which did not reach us till the 9th. Instant by the Brig. Rebecca and sloop Experience: The Cloth is but just landed so that we cannot yet advise you how it turns out in quality except that we are sorry to observe almost the whole parcell to have receiv'd damage on board the vessels.

We shall be glad to find your observation just that more Cloth is brought in from Septr. to January, than from January to Septemr.; but as We have in former Letters given you our reasons why We cannot wait for any so late as January, and as these two Vessels are arriv'd here too late to return to you, the owners of the Triton have promised to order her [to] Narsipore early in December to take in what cloth you may then have ready and you must not detain her in Expectation of any more.

By these Peons We send you as much Book Paper as we beleive they can carry dry.

We are

Fort St. George
12 Octor. 1739.

Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 105

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to your Honour &ct. was the 29th. September, which We sent by three Conveyances, the Princess Augusta, the Fanny and the Mercury, and the 10th. Instant we receiv'd your favour of the 17th. Ultimo.

We observe your intentions to send us Bales instead of the hundred tons of Saltpetre We requested to compleat the Tonnage of the ships to be Dispatched from hence, and our Letter of the 10th. Ultimo will shew you that it is also agreable to our own sentiments.

We observe also your apprehensions that you will be in want of Cash to carry on your next years Investment, and We shall therefore by the returning ships in January supply you with all that We can possibly spare from hence, what We sent you the beginning of this Year reduced our Cash so low that We have been obliged to sell part of the silver receiv'd by the Europe ships to carry on our current Business; Our sole dependance is on what sums may be offer'd for Bills of Exchange but how much that may be We cannot yet say with any certainty and therefore We can only repeat our assurances, that We will assist you to the utmost of our power.

We shall now desire Your Honr. &cts. sentiments upon an affair in which We think the Company's Interest a good deal concerned & wherein We beleive they have for some Years been considerable sufferers, We mean in the Coinage of so much of [silver] into Madrass Rupees; If We have a true knowledge of the Grants from the Mogul, they ought to pass equal with siccaes, but the experience of many years is convincing that has not been regarded, and a late Letter from Yr. Presidency desired that only one third of the Silver designed You might be coin'd into Madrass Rupees giving for reason that you apprehended some obstruction from the Government relating to their Circulation. An hundred ounces of standard silver coin'd in our Mint

produces to the Company Madrass Rupees 244. 15. 9 to which if we add a Batta of 10 ⅌ Cent it is Current Rupees 269. 7. $8\frac{1}{2}$. The same quantity of silver coin'd in the Country Mints produces Arcot Rupees 253. 12. if they [carry] a Batta of 8 ⅌ Cent it is current Rupees 274. —. $9\frac{1}{2}$ [Supposing the] computation of the Batta on both sorts to be true, the difference is Current Rupees 4. 9. 1 on an hundred ounces of standard silver, at which rate computing that We have coin'd 270758 ounces 12 penny weights this year, the difference to the Company [am]ots. to Current Rupees 12,366. 5. $8\frac{1}{2}$ a sum well worth the saving if it can be done without drawing any future Loss or Inconvenience upon them. It would be entering upon a needless and useless discussion to say how many of the Company's priviledges and Grants from the Mogul have been evaded by the arts of the Nabobs and Governing Moors, it is sufficient in the present case to observe that though they do not dispute our right to coin in our own Mints they have if We judge right render'd it rather a Loss than a benefit to the Company: It may indeed sometimes happen either by disturbances in the Country or from some other cause that it may be unsafe to trust our Bullion in the Country Mints, and in such case the priviledge of coining in our own Town may be of use and therefore necessary to keep up our right, but the coinage of fifty or an hundred thousand Rupees annually, may be sufficient to do that & for the rest we should be glad to receive your sentiments how far they concurr with ours on it's being more for the Company's Interest to Coin into Arcott than Madrass Rupees, though We are not as yet determined whether to do any thing therein till We receive the Company's Orders. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble servants

Fort St. George
30th. October 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna*].
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 106

To Charles Simpson Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Herewith is copy of our last of the 12th. Instant since which We have receiv'd Yours of the 23d. Ultimo, inclosing your monthly Papers for August, and advising the number of Bales you expect to have ready by Christmass; as to a Conveyance for them Mr. Simpson will find his request granted in our last.

Accompanying is our Packet from [*sic*] the President and Council of Fort William which We would have you forward thither with all expedition. We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
30th. October 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna*].
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 107

To Charles Simpson Esq^{R}.
Chief &c^{T}. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Your Letter to the President and Council [dated the] 8th. Ultimo requiring no particular reply from them [at present I] by their Order return your Peons, & inclose you a Duplicate [of] their last with copy of the 8th. paragraph of this Year's General Letter from England ℘ Normanton & Grantham dated the 14th. February, to which as M^{r}. Simpson is one of those mention'd in the List therein referred to, it's expected that He shew a proper regard. I am

Gentlemen
Your most Humble servant

Fort S^{T}. George
11TH. Novem^{R}. 1739.

John Savage
Sec^{ry}.

No. 108

To M^{R}. Richard Prince
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

This serves by order of the President and Council to accompany Your Peons now return'd to you, to acknowledge their having receiv'd yours of the 20th. Ultimo which requires no particular reply from them at present, & to inclose for your Guidance a draught of the Orders proper to be given Captain Taylor about taking in the Bales at Motopolee.
I am

Sir

Fort S^{T}. George
11TH. Novem^{R}. 1739.

Your most humble servant
John Savage
Sec^{ry}.

To Captain John Taylor
[of the ship] George.

Sir.

Conformable to the orders sent me by the President and Council of Fort S^{t}. George you are hereby directed to repair on board and proceed to Motopolee, where you are to take in what Bales shall be sent on board you on the Honourable Company's account by Seerum Vencanah, Gomasta of Matoor Chitteram & Coopertee Pera Lingam and for which you are not to stay there longer than five days, except only that the badness of the Weather should prevent their being shipped off in that time: You are then to proceed to Fort S^{t}. George, where on Y^{r}. arrival you are [to] deliver &c^{t}. as other circumstances may require.

No. 109

To the Worsh^{LL}. Jam^{s}. Hubbard Esq^{R}.
Deputy Governour of Fort S^{T}. David &c^{T}. Council.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir & Sirs

Since our last we have receiv'd your severals of the 1st. and 20th. October and 2^{d}. Instant, all that requires to be taken notice of therein is, that part of y^{r}. Letter of the 20th. ultimo relating to the demands on M^{r}. Cæsar's Estate and for those small sums which are due to His Taylor, Barber and for mending his Watch, We think they may be paid without the formality of an Oath and so may those for which his notes appear thô the List of Debts signed by Messrs. Eyre and Floyer doth not shew clearly whether several of the Demands on His Estate for which the notes are referr'd to, are notes signed by M^{r}. Cæser or only notes sent in by the Persons to shew the nature

of their demands, if the latter only be meant, the course of proceedings in these cases requires that they should verify their demand by oath and which therefore We ought not to dispence with, after the several demands on His Effects be paid Messrs. Eyre and Floyer must pay the Ballance into Your Cash, which when done advise Us thereof, [that they may] transfer it to account Current London.

We have no paragraphs [in our General] Letters from England this year relating to [your settlement] which require any particular reply from [you. We have] omitted to advise you in our former Letters [that our] Honourable Masters have directed that the ballance [of cash] remaining here and at all the subordinate [factories should] be monthly upon reading the Cash accounts [produced] before the Council, which you must take care [to comply] with for so far as it relates to you. It's also further directed that the Cash should be kept under thr[ee keys] by the Chief and two of the Council next in [standing] except such a running Cash as we shall [think] necessary to be plac'd in the Chiefs Hand, but as [you] are only supplied with Money from hence as your occasions call for it, if you comply with the order [for] producing the Ballance of the Cash monthly, We think the other needless, and that the care of it may be [only] with the Chief. We are

WORSH^LL^. SIR & SIRS

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
15TH. NOV^R^. 1739.

Your affectionate Friends & Serv^ts^.
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
[*Lacuna*].
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 110

TO THE WORSH^LL^. JA^S^. HUBBARD ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

WORSH^LL^. SIR & SIRS

I am order'd by the Presid^t^. and Council to advise, that twenty thousand 20,000 Pagodas will be sent you overland tomorrow morning under charge of thirty peons. I am

WORSH^LL^. SIR & SIRS

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
[4TH. DECEMBER] 1739.

Your most humble servant
JOHN SAVAGE
*Sec^ry^*.

No. 111

TO THE WORSH^LL^. JA^S^. HUBBARD ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. DAVID &C^T^. COUNCIL.

WORSH^LL^. SIR & SIRS

This serves to acknowledge our having receiv'd Yours of the 30th. Ultimo, and to accompany the supply of twenty thousand 20000 Pagodas, of which you were advis'd Yesterday by our order. We are

WORSH^LL^. SIR & SIRS

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
5TH. DEC^R^. 1739.

Your affectionate Friends & Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 112

To the Worsh^ll^. Ja^s^. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd yours of the [15th. & observe] what you write of the soot Romalls, and the man[ner in which] Your Merchants, and others tell you they are taken [in at] Pondicherry and other Places, We beleive it may [...] of the Markets in India, but as We have reason [to believe] that manner will greatly prejudice the sale in Eng[land you] must not tak in any but entire pieces of the full [Length] and Breadth.

You may permitt Lieutenant [Edward] Amyand to come hither for a few days [according to his] request. We are

Worsh^ll^ Sir & Sirs

Your affec^te^. Friends & Servants

Fort S^t^. George
20th. Decr. 1739.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna*].
Nicholas Morse.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 113

To the Worsh^ll^. Ja^s^. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

This serves to advise that our Hoñble Masters ship Shaftesbury arrived here yesterday from Bengall & that We have resolved to send her as soon as she is ready to compleat Her Tonnage for Europe at Your Place which may require four or five hundred Bales. We are

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^t^. George
28 Decr. 1739.

Richard Benyon
&c^t^.

APPENDIX.

[A]

To the Worsh^ll^. Ja^s^. Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour of Fort S^t^. David.

Wors^l^. Sir

Having receiv'd advice and such as We can depend on that the Sou Rajah provoked at the Invasion of Tanjore by the Governours of this province has resolved to send Baudjee Row with Forty or Fifty thousand of his best Troops into this Country, not only to attack the Moors but to Pillage & lay waste the whole country: as it is very probable if they do come they will also attempt some of the Sea Ports in hopes of plunder, We give you this advice that you may be always upon your Guard.

and put Yourself in as good a posture of defence as you can; We have chose to direct this only to yourself that your People and Inhabitants might not be alarm'd by a more publick notice. We are

WORSHLL. SIR

FORT ST. GEORGE
[14TH.] AUGT. 1739.

Your affectionate Friends & Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

B

TO THE WORSHLL. JAS. HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR

Last night We receiv'd Yours of the 18th. and as you write us you have taken care that the Out Guards at Chemundalum, Trepopilore & Bandapollam are kept fully mann'd and well supplied with ammunition &c. We are willing to hope those will be sufficient to protect Your Bounds from any small straggling Parties, except that as Patcharee point is the only Outguard that may protect Tevenepatam [...] if that be tenable, We think it would be proper to have a Guard there, and the Guns remounted.

We receiv'd advice on Friday last [that some] days before, a body of twelve thousand Mora[ttas] were encamped at the Saunore Buncapore as tha[t is the] way leading to the southward by Steringapa[tam]. We hope they will keep that road without com[ing to] the sea coast; But our advices are very uncertain [about] their March, though We beleive it will depend [in some] measure upon the conveniency of Water, to inform [them]selves of which, We are told they have sent differ[ent parties], some tell us a Party of them design to enter th[...] by the way of Nellour, and those of any may [probably] visit the sea Ports, but We think the [...] must keep further in Land; Under this uncert[ainty in wch.] their designs are We wish the circumstances We a[re in] would permit us to send you such supplies of Men [as will] be sufficient to Man all your Works. But our Recruit[s] from Europe have been far short of what We had rea[son to] expect, and notwithstanding all our ships are arriv'd [our] compliment of Europeans is but barely [compleat.] You consider therefore what use Topasses & [Peons] can be of [to you] and We do hereby permitt you to entertain as many of such as you think may be necessary at this Juncture.

As we receive any further advices of the motions of the Morattas, which may be depended on We will not fail to advise you thereof. We are

WORSHLL. SIR

FORT ST. GEORGE
21ST. AUGT. 1739.

Your affectionate Friends & Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

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